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# Scheme to sell scratch cards in pubs provokes church fury

CHRIS BLACKHURST and REBECCA FOWLER

Scratch cards have gone on sale in pubs across Britain provoking a furious response from church leaders and prompting calls for the sales to be banned. Offot, the lottery watchdog, is being urged to launch an investigation into the running of the game, exactly a year since

tickets first went on sale.
Lottery operator, Camelot, thas added the Instants game to the sale of tickets in 40 pubs as

part of a pilot scheme. Tradi-tionally, the law has discouraged mixing gambling and alcohol. The trial has fuelled concern that Camelot and the Government are exploiting the popularity of the game. More than £4.5bn worth of tickets and cards have

been sold in its first year. Among the most outspoken critics is the Church of England. "The House of Bishops has expressed concern about the lottery from the outset, and this is going to make matters even worse," a Church House

cards in pubs will only compound the problems surrounding the lottery and increase the eambling mania it has brought."

The Rt Rev David Sheppard, the Bishop of Liverpool, has called for the sale of scratch cards to be suspended altogether. "I am increasingly concerned by the ready access to Instants games, which are believed to be compulsive in character. Until proper research

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courage a suspension of issuing the big game, £1.50 on scratch cards. The weekly on-line draw A confidential Camelot briefaccounts for 75 per cent of sales ing document leaked to the In-

and scratch cards 25 per cent. Research for Camelot by AGB International shows that the weekly draw is more popular among the social category C2, skilled manual workers, than any other group. ABs account for 20 per cent of the adult population, but only 17 per cent of ticket sales; whereas C2s. 24 per cent of the population,

Camelot is overselling the game

One newsagent in the east of England said he was shocked when a Camelot representative last month suggested that he should train his staff to tell customers to spend loose change on scratch cards. "This representative said we should tempt customers into buying more tickets," said the ne who wished to protect his identity. "He said we





Shell 'has no intention' of pulling out despite execution of rights campaigner

### Pressure mounts for Nigeria oil ban "Lord take my soul" STEVE CRAWSHAW Auckland JAMES ROBERTS Saro-Wiwa's executioners need- coffins were moved to Port Har-Just two days after Ken Saroed five attempts before succourt prison. The junta apparently want-Wiwa was hanged in a Port Harceeded in hanging him, ed the executions to take place court prison in an act described according to newspapers in La-

by John Major as judicial murder, Britain and Nigeria's other main trading partners resisted pressure for an oil embargo against the military regime that executed him.

In London, the son of the executed writer called for a boycott of Nigerian oil exports. Arriving back in Britain yesterday from the New Zealand summit, Ken Wiwa quoted his father as saying, before his death: "Nigerian oil is what sustains the Nigerian military dictators, enabling them to survive."

Shell said it had no intention of pulling out of Nigeria last night, despite threats of an in-tensified international protest campaign. The company said it was still interested in going ahead with a £2.7bn gas investment project, even though the World Bank said it would withdraw its backing for the scheme. However, after Mr Major said he wanted to get in touch with Shell over its planned project, Shell said it would make a decision before the end of the year over

A Shell International spokesman said: "We will not take any sudden or unconsidered action. We have a major commitment to the people of Nigeria and the Niger Delta."

Saro-Wiwa had led a campaign of self-determination for the 500,000-strong Ogoni mi-nority in Nigeria, and he and eight other members of his movement were sentenced to death for the murder of four pro-government Ogoni chiefs, after a trial condemned around Photograph: Reuters the world as a travesty.

gos. "Lord take my soul, but the struggle continues," were reported to be his last words. At one point, Saro-Wiwa is said to have asked: "Why are you" people treating me like this? Which type of country is this?" Only hours after the death ntences, were upheld, nine

The subject of sanctions was ing into private accounts. It hardly discussed during Commonwealth leaders' weekend discussions at the luxury New Zealand resort of Millbrook. near Oueenstown.

The leaders returned from their weekend retreat with a package which spells out what Mr Major called the "ladder of measures" which may be used, to keep member countries on the democratic straight and narrow. The package is applicable not just to Nigeria, but to any other country which appears to breach certain norms.

Foreign ministers of eight countries will form an action group, to deal with "serious or persistent violations" of those norms. Nigeria, however, faces expulsion from the Commonwealth within two years unless

Speaking to journalists at Auckland airport before he left New Zealand, Mr Major indicated his reservations about imposing sanctions on Nigeria: Would they cause worse unemployment, worse poverty, worse starvation than is already suffered?" However, the Nigerian human rights activist Innocent Chukwuma, also speaking in Auckland, said of the oil industry: "The proceeds are go-

immediately but found that Port Harcourt, which had held no executions since Nigeria's independence from Britain in 1960, did not have the equipment. On Thursday, executioners were flown to Port Harcourt from the northern city of Sokoto to await their task. More details, page 10

doesn't even get to the people." Mr Major suggested that the package of measures gave a clear signal for the future. "If

the Commonwealth had not risen to this challenge ... then it would have been apparent to people that those principles the Harare declaration of 1991. which emphasised human rights] were not worth the paper they were written on. I think after the last couple of days, people know that the Commonwealth are serious about those principles."

By far the biggest importer of

Nigerian oil is the United States, but White House sources yesterday said the US had no plans to enforce any unilateral oil sanctions against Nigeria. Officials indicated the US would be prepared to contemplate participating in United Nations actions to put pressure on the Lagos regime. President Bill Clinton has not made any public statements on

Nigeria since the executions. Mr Major announced a complete British arms embargo on Nigeria, but implicitly acknowledged that the significance of such an embargo will be largely symbolic. The policy on defence sales is already "highly restrictive"

In Britain, environmental and human rights groups meet today with Ogoni representatives to plan an intensified campaign against the Nigerian government and Shell, which is accused of damaging the environmental in the Ogoni area.

Sanctions dilemma, page 10 Mandela under fire, page 11 Leading article, page 20 Another view, page 20 The Commonwealth after Nigeria, page 21 Miles Kington, page 21

# Face of defiance: Ken Wiwa, son of the executed campaigner, at Heathrow airport yesterday The pay's the thing in Labour's theatre plan

DAVID LISTER Arts Correspondent

The Labour Party is planning to introduce "pay what you can" nights at theatres throughout the country in a radical plan to broaden the appeal of the arts. The party has already begun talks with the 30 main region-

al theatres, with a view to allowing audiences on Monday which it will launch next summer, as part of its pre-general nights to pay what they feel like. Mondays are traditionally ence of the very few fringe thequiet nights for theatres, and atres that have tried "pay what Labour's arts team feels that the scheme would bring in new

and less affluent audiences. The plan will form a key part of Labour's arts campaign,

election campaign. The experiyou can" nights is that they are self-financing. The theatre is

full, and many people end up giving reasonable contributions. Labour has no plans yet to

approach national companies such as the RSC and the Royal National Theatre. The party wants the scheme to have its blessing, but to be a voluntary initiative on the part of the

However, it may well have to wrestle with the question of whether it will have to subsidise

theatres to run the "pay what you can" nights.

and see a play for as much as you can afford." you can" nights.

Mark Fisher, a shadow

spokesman on the arts, said yesterday: "What we want to be able to say is that under a Labour government, on a given night, you can go to any publicly-funded theatre, for example the Birmingham Rep,

Two London theatres, The Battersea Arts Centre and the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn have already run successful "pay what you can" nights.

Mr Fisher has also promised a government-wide policy for

### IN BRIEF

Tory defends 'sleaze' deal Former Conservative minister Patrick Nicholls yesterday insisted that a company which offered him a 5 per cent shareholding in return for lobbying ministers to buy its services was well worth while promoting", as Labour responded with moting", as Labout 103 with private name fury and other Tory MPs with private Page 2 Amir

Rabin plot uncovered Israel's internal security agency, Shin Bet, was told of the plot to kill Yitzhak Rabin weeks before the assassination. The service failed to act because the informant did not specifically name the assassin, Yigal

Half surgery is day care More than half of all patients treated from surgery waitinglists are now in and out of hospital on the same day. The increase in day surgery has produced the first ever fall in the number of in-patients treated as overnight stays since Page 9 1948.

England hit for six Reaching twin peaks England's cricketers lost When the Sun's Page Three girl their last match before the sticks her chest out this Friday, she first Test when South Africa's | will be marking 25 years of topless A team recorded a comfort- titillation that boosted the paper's able six-wicket victory in circulation and survived attempts

Rimberley. Page 32 to have it banned by law. Page 7

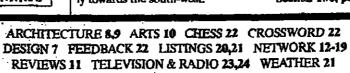


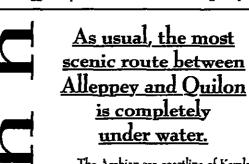
Niall Fergusson: Confessions of an admirer of Enoch Powell.

Steve Crawshaw: Nigeria is both a test and an opportunity for the Commonwealth. Page 21 Another View: Lord Melchett on Shell's corporate responsibilities. Page 20 Page 19 Ruth Dudley Edwards' Diary.

**Leading article:** "It should be illegal for newspapers to engage in financial transactions - in fact or in promise - with witnesses until a trial is over."

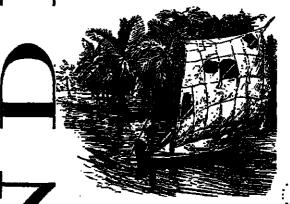
Weather: Most areas will be mainly dry and bright with some sunshine and light breezes. There will be some rain, especial-Section Two, page 21 ly towards the south-west.





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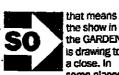
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rain in the south SO with bright intervals midweek. Temperatures initially mild (13 deg) but becoming cooler. Marnly dry and bright in the north with ram later in the week and a risk of frost. Temperatures mild (12 deg) but dropping,



the GARDEN is drawing to some places frost has already blackened the fuchsias, geraniums, agaves, cannas and

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### Spouting

begins on Wednesday when the Queen makes "a Most Gracious Speech" from the House of Lords setting out the Government's programme. MPs will debate the proposals, Tony Blair and John Major will harangue each other, and first, two backbenchers will spout forth their loyal thanks. As an MP once told the House, their motion is "nearly always proposed by some genial old codger on the way out and seconded by an only young man on the make."

**Pouting** 

The Page Three girl is 25 years old this week. The first in the long line of Sun lovelies was 20 year old Stephanie Rahn who popped up on November 17. It hasn't all been frolics and fun. Debbie Linden suffered a well-documented fall into drug addiction Sam Fox,

now positively 😹 👵 matriarchal. sued her father/manager for £1.2 million. Is there life after Page 3? Jane Warner was reincarnated as the be-jodphured

bottom on the cover of July Coop-

er's Riders. See page 7.

### **Clouting**

England's cricketers are back in the Republic 30 years on from the D'Oliveira affair for the first of five Tests, and face the alarming Allan Donald, who will unplug himself from his Walkman - he gees himself up with bursts of reggae and unleash himself on Mike Atherton's team on a Pretoria pitch, which is quick and bouncy. England have lost six of their last

### TODAY

Seriously rich The British exwife of the Aga Khan, **Princes**: Sally Crocker-

Poole - is to sell her collection of Christie's in Geneva. The lewellen one 13.8 carat diamond is valued at £5m - is said to be worth £10 million. A handy addition to her already substantial divorce settlement which includes a £3.5

million flat in London's Hyde Park, £900,000 to re-decorate it, and £177,777 in pocket money a

Coward 007

Noel Coward by Philip Hoare (Sinclair Stevenson, £25) From unpublished plays, correspondence and draries found in a battered attache-case belonging to Coward's mother, Hoare has detailed his farnily background, childhood ambitions and meteone rise to fame. He reveals his work during World War Il as an undercover agent for the Secret Service.

### **Health Hezzard**

**flichael Heseltine** goes into the London Clinic today to have a kidney stone removed. A doctor writes: A kidney stone is made up of minerals such as phosphate, calcium or unc acid which 'grows' in the kidney. It is thought that heavy drinkers are more at risk. The stone needs to be removed, either by breaking it up and waiting for it to pass naturally, or by putting a tube into the kidney, disintegrating the eight Test series played overseas. I stone and removing it.

### **TOMORROW**

Rigg-ma-role

dres. Diana Rigg teams up with director, Jonathan Kent, and composer Jonathan Dove. This is a new by

David Hare who did the same job on Kent's The Life of Galileo. National Theatre. London SE1 (0171 928 2252).

Lights fantastic Regent Street's lights are switched on a week after Oxford Street's by Lionel Blair, Britt Ekland, and Rolf Harris. Apart from a six years of recession and darkness in the 1970s, the lights have lit up

shoppers since 1954. There will be 8,328 lamps in the shape of crowns. Between now and December 25, £330m will be spent. **Chas and Chums** Prince Charles is 47. Other 47-yearolds: Jeremy Beadle, Andrew Loyd Webber, Virginia Bottomley,

Mark Phillips, Shaking Stevens,

### Nicholas Soames MP. Lotts of it...

How does our lottery - one year old today - compare with the world? The Institute of Public Polıcy Research will tell us today. Six facts: Up to 30m play each week, we spend £2 a week on online tickets, £1.50 on scratch cards, it has created 127 millionaires, the biggest win is £22.6m, the chances of winning are one in 14m.

### **WEDNESDAY** 15

Naval gazing Closing date for bids for the Roy-

al Navai College at Greenwich. Those who have entered the race have remained secretive, though the University of Greenwich, in league with the National Maritime Museum have declared their interest. D-Day - hoteliers need not apply - is months away.

Slavery protest

Harry Wu (below), the Chinese-American human rights activist is at the School of Oriental and African studies in London at 1pm to highlight goods made in **Chin**e slave labour camps. There may be as many as 50 million - many political prisoners - in appalling conditions. He is expected to expose further atrocities



### Jack's final?

While England play Switzerland in a friendly at Wembley (Bring on Le Tiss, Tel), the Republic of Ireland travel to Lisbon in the final round of European Championship qualifiers. Jack Charlton's team will probably have to win to reach next year's finals. If they fail, expect Big Jack to announce his resignation.

### THURSDAY 16

Star images

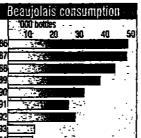
Rock 'n' Roll. This collection of photographs contains gritty images of stars spanning five decades including Elvis, Buddy Holiy, Paul Weller and Michael Stipe captured by photographers such as Annie Leibovitz, David Bailey and Dezo Hoffman. (Virgn. £30).

Voting certainty
Algeria goes to the polls five years

after the military 'cancelled' the islamic Movement's victory. The more radical Islamic groups are unable or unwilling to run this time and incumbent president, Limiane Zeroual, is bound to win. The question is: will the electorate accept the result? Will bombs explode in

Drinkmanship

Will Beaujolais Nouveau survive anti-French sentiment or has interest fallen off since the 1986 yuppie peak? CND is selling Chateau Chirac to publicise its campaign against nuclear tests. This year's is fruitier, rounder, and lighter compared with 1994 which was tannic and hard.



### FRIDAY 17

Love and hate The Aberystwyth Film Festival premiers Madgascar Skin, filmed on location in Pembrokeshire and starring Bernard Hill and John Hannah. The acclaimed La Haine opens patlorwide. Mathieu Kassovitz lights the fuse with this inflammatory black-and-white drama, which follows three young Parisian friends as they while away the day after the riot before. A pas-

sionate study of social breakdow

through the eye of a poet. **Funny money** 

Go straight to a fortune. 60 years old. It has the same board and box, has sold 20 mil-

tion copies with a turnover of £303billion - monopoly money, of course. A celebration party will beheld at the Park Lane Hotel, London with a with a \$2 million set as its centrepiece. In World War II sets were produced with maps showing escape routes, files, local currency and compasses and despatched by the Red Cross to

Dole queue

The Republican Presidential hope fuls gather in New Hampshire for a gentle Q and A session to stake their claims to fight Bill Clinton. Robert Dole is miles ahead with a rag tag of nine at his heets. One of the more intriguing is Malcolm S. Forbes, son of the late mutti-millionaire. He has no political background but he does have lots of money.

### **THE WEEKEND** 18 / 19

### Outside edge

If you have missed David Bowle and Morrissey to far, they are at the London Wembley Arena (£25 7.30pm). Bowie returns to the live circuit thankfully free of huge glass spiders. Who knows what else he'll bring instead? The songs from his thrilling new album Outside (RCA) will be a start - they're the best he's recorded in ten years.



### **Ali pints west**

All eyes on Twickers for more South Africans. This time England in the champions on a big day for Twickenham. They will provide a si test for an England team - which could feature South African Mike as England's fly half - rebuilding in the post-Andrew/Moore/Richa era. This important match also marks the official opening of the to million West Stand, completing the £70 million rebuilding program begun five years ago. This will increase the ground's capacity to 75.00 The Scrum Bar under the East Stand will need to almost double # staff to 300 to cope with the thirsty masses, expecting to self 60,0 pints at each match! Kick off: 2.30.

Sun bargain

Now for the first sun-powered watch. Junghans' Mega Solar Ceramic time piece cuts a futuristic dash with a strap that artfully conceals a radio-controlled watch antennae and a six month power reserve. It's a mere £275. Contact 01908 220311.



Going for the juggler

What's the collective noun for a group of PR consultants? The large such assembly will convene at Stratford-upon-Avon for the annual of ference for the lastitute of Public Relations. Delegates, bombar. by workshops and threatened by downsizing will study image contancy and psychology. They will be urged to "take risks and lower bir. pressure at the same time." With juggling classes.

### IN

dent this week: FRANK SKINNER: From fantasy world to London Palladium. MARTIN SCORSESE: Back in NY badlands with de Niro. Plus: Randy Newman, Jah Wobble WIN

Holiday for two skiing in Colors plus K2 skis and snowboards to won. See Page 25 for today's kens one and two. Congratulation to Greg Blackland from Wark who has won our Mercedes SI

Last week's winner

Farmer David Cannon, who sprayed manure over the Nat West In Newcastle for what he claimed was mismanagement of his account. He was fined £2,500. A cheap price for such sweet - if smelly - revenge.

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# Former minister defends deal in sleaze row

The former Conservative minister Patrick Nicholls yesterday insisted that a company which offered him a 5 per cent shareholding in return for lobbying ministers to buy its services was "well worth while promoting", as Labour responded with fury and other Tory MPs with private incredulity.

Mr Nicholls sought to defend his actions - which were within the rules until they were changed in last Monday's Commons vote - by suggesting the only difference between him and the two MPs disciplined for accepting "cash for questions" was that they were prepared to bridge in Devon and a former clearer," he said.

John Rentoul on the MP accused of lobbying in return for profits

act for concerns they "knew nothing about". Mr Nicholls, in a letter to

World Water Services obtained by the Sunday Mirror, promised to try to persuade ministers that their departments should buy its products in return for a shareholding if it made a profit. The new rules ban advocacy on behalf of interests from which MPs could benefit in future.

Mr Nicholls, MP for Teign- as a result of it could not be

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Nicholls resigned as adviser to WWS after Monday's vote. John Prescott, dept Labour leader, condemned Mr the letter will probably never be Nicholls. "His boasting of his influence is quite nauseating, while his hopes of a fast buck

the company, formed to sell a

Mr Nicholls's letter appears to be a textbook example of the kind of lobbying which would have been banned even under the more limited proposals backed by John Major - and defeated by the opposition and 23

Tory rebels on Monday. Mr Nicholls wrote: "I can water purifying system. Mr provide access to departments of state. The problem is that if a private person or company seen by a minister.

Because I understand Whitehall, both from my present position as an MP and more particularly from my time in government, I can ensure that we are given a hearing. I can do that by using my own credibility with ministers to promote what WWS has to offer, thus ensuring that we meet officials at a level where decisions are made rather than papers sim-

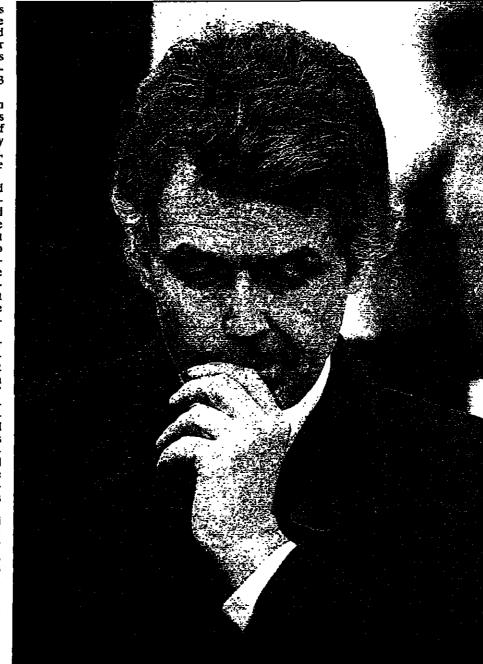
ply filed." In Monday's debate, Mr Nicholls had attacked the appointment of an independent commissioner, Sir Gordon Downey, to oversee MPs' ethics. "We got into this position ... because two stupid, silly, greedy Members did something that most of us would never do," he said, re-ferring to Graham Riddick and David Tredinnick, who were willing to accept cash for questions from reporters posing as

business men. Yesterday Mr Nicholis said they "were taking cash for questions, from concerns they knew nothing about, for a product they knew nothing about. This [WWS] was a company well worth while promoting, from a West Country point of view".

Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, took grateful refuge behind the new commissioner on BBC TV's Breakfast with Frost: "I have no detailed knowledge of this issue except what I have read in the papers, but there is now a pariamentary commissioner who can examine these matters.

Mr Nicholis's judgment has

already cost him his ministerial career. He resigned from his



post in 1990 after being found guilty of drinking and driving. Food for thought: Patrick Nicholls at his seat in Teignmouth yesterday Photograph: Aper

# Heseltine backs debate on Scott report

JOHN RENTOUL

The Government has "every right" to reject the Scott report's expected criticisms of ministers' conduct in the arms-for-Iraq affair, Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine said yesterday.

"It must be a matter of judge-

clusions and of the evidence." he said on BBC TV's Breakfast with Frost. "You can't say whatever comes out of it we will sign up to it in advance. But what you can say is that here is somebody who has seen all the evidence. will publish all the evidence and will publish his conclusions. then there will be a proper debate. It is right that should be

Asked if the Government might disagree or reject the findings, he said: "We certainly have every right to do that if we should be so minded." Sir Richard Scott's inquiry

was set up after the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial in which three men charged with illegally exporting military hardware to Saddam Hussein argued successfully that they acted with

the knowledge and tacit ap-proval of ministers.

Mr Heseltine, who goes into hospital for the removal of kidney stones after a speech to the CBI today, was among a num-ber of ministers who signed certificates withholding infor-mation from the court, but he amended the wording of his certificate to avoid the risk of sending innocent men to jail.

### INBRIEF Queen leads silent tribute

The Queen vesterday led the: tion in a two-minute silence remembrance of the war de All the senior members oft Royal Family except the Que Mother were at the Cenota in Whitehall for the Reme brance Sunday service, obseing the llam silence betwe the sound of Big Ben and f firing of a field gun. More th 10,000 war veterans took 🕫 a record according the Ro and representatives of Co. monwealth governments join

### the Queen in laying wreaths

Bus firebombed Two men were being qui tioned by police after an an roads protestors' bus § allegedly firebombed outsi Newbury, Berkshire, on 1 proposed route of the A34t pass. Jeremy Middleton Amanda Rothwell, 25, and the

Ecstasy fears A girl was critically ill in hospi

Those most in need of train

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son Benjamin, six, were unhi

after taking an eestasy pill at l 18th birthday party in Latt ingdon, Essex. Police warn that the drugs may have be adulterated and could be fat Training flaws

to break free from benefits a being sidelined by the Gover ment's training programmes. Institute of Employment Stud warned. People with physi and mental disabilities, exfenders, ethnic minorities w limited English and the ment ly ill lose out because paymer are linked to rigid outcome gaining a qualification or job

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# Dream machine that seduced a nation

REBECCA FOWLER

The real winners of the National Lottery were always supposed to be the worthy causes, which have received more than £1bn in its first year. But has the socalled "dream machine" and the unprecedented injection of money into public projects suc-ceeded in uplifting the nation?

Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, said: "This is the most successful lottery of all time. It has generated more money more quickly than any other lottery in history.
Yet last week Hugh Colver

put it differently on his resignation as director of communications of the Tory party. The National Lottery is an example of how to turn a public relations traumph into a disaster," he said.

The first distribution of grants by the five boards, representing arts, sports, charities, heritage and the millennium, has given plenty of ammunition to critics who predicted the lottery would emerge as a "tax on the poor" to fund the pastimes of the rich.

Among the most prominent grants are £55m to redevelop the Royal Opera House in London, £50m for a new museum of modern art on the Thames, £30m for the Sadler's Wells Foundation, £15.8m for the Royal Court Theatre, and £13.3m to buy the Churchill papers, many of which arguably al-

ready belonged to the nation. However, despite the em-phasis placed on the more lavish projects that have received funding, only 3 per cent of the 2,300 grants made so far have been for more than £1 m. More than two-thirds are for less than £100,000, and two-thirds of grants have also been paid outside the capital, although there is still concern that the most needy causes, especially in

inner cities, have not benefited. But as £30m continues to flow into the good causes kitty each week, the question looming further down the road is not who gets the money, but whether we will we have enough worthy causes to support.

Where are the visionaries ready to transform Britain's cultural skyline? The former British lotteries of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries



Lovely money: Anthea Turner posing for an official publicity photograph for the National Lottery

Westminster Bridge. Australia's it looks as if we're being in-lottery gave it the Sydney Opera credibly greedy, we're making House. On one hand the lottery has been accused of elitism, and on the other it has been at-

tacked for a lack of imagination. Keith Cooper, spokesman for the Royal Opera House, said Britain has been so down-trodden by decades of cuts in public spending, leaders in the arts have forgotten how to dream of grand-scale projects.

"We're having to do an awful lot of catching up just to stop the great buildings we do have

credibly greedy, we're making up for years of struggle," Mr Cooper said. "There has been a siege mentality, in which peo-ple have not had any air to develop. Whether in the fullness

of time, we can be encouraged out of this slightly amateur mentality, and become more like the rest of Europe in vision remains to be seen.

A comparison of the British lottery with other lotteries worldwide by the Institute of Political Policy Research, to be

the direction in which the grantmaking process, currently limited to funding only capital

projects, may go.
The Nordic countries, which have among the highest levels of lottery ticket sales, have altered the way in which money is distributed. When Finland launched its lottery, it had expected to be able to give modest support to the arts. Now almost every artistic endeavour is supported by lottery funds.

The conclusions we draw ultimately is that the public in

greater involvement in where the money goes in relation to the good causes, as they do elsewhere in Europe," said Jim McCormick, co-writer of the survey. "It comes down to accountability, and involving cit-

izens much more." The real winners so far have been the modest community and arts causes, many of which were on the brink of collapse. Town halls, village greens, sports clubs and amateur dramatic societies have been given a new

from the brink is Zippo's Academy of Circus Art. It is a travelling school providing training in circus skills, which received £48,000 for a new tent. "It arrived last week, and it was absolutely amazing to see it going up," said Verena Corawall, manager of the academy.

dustry, have also been buoyed

by the lottery. The Morecambe

Youth Band received £48,000

for new instruments. "When it

costs £5,000 to buy a new tuba,

and you only get £200 for a park

concert how do you survive?"

said Bernard Vause, musical di-

rector of the band. "We were

thrilled. The lottery is provid-

ing people like us with money

■ Saturday night's winning lot-

tery numbers were: 23, 28, 48.

10, 7 and 30 with the bonus

number 3. Five tickets shared

that was never dreamed of."

"We had run out of people to ask for more money, and there's no doubt the school would have been forced to close if we hadn't had this grant. The lottery has saved the circus school."

A host of brass bands, once

cards move into pubs From page 1 they buy a scratch card as we hand them change. I said I believed in giving people free

Scratch

The move to introduce the lottery into pubs came from the beer industry, and from confectionery and tobacco suppliers, who have lost out to consumers spending loose change on

scratch cards rather than on chocolate and cigarettes. Labour condemned the in-troduction of the lottery into pubs last night. Dr Jack Cun-ningham. Labour's lottery spokesman, said that it raised serious questions about the

running of the game.

"Alcohol and gambling often do not mix well ... Under-age gambling and under-age drinking may well be facilitated by the installation of lottery machines in pubs," Dr Cunningham said.

These matters should be rigorously investigated by Oflot and discussed in parliament before the nationwide introduction of lottery machines in

pubs proceeds. Camelot has also come under attack for the size of the jackpots, prompting calls for prizes to be capped. The single largest win in its first year was £22m, and it has created 132 millionaires.

The possibility of limiting prize sizes has been discussed with the Department of National Heritage and Oflot. But Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, defended the jackpots yesterday. "If you want to have a maximum return to good causes, all the evidence is that the big jackpots are what make more people play. Ten to twenty per cent more comes in to the good causes when you have a big jackpot,"

Mrs Bottomiey, who plays the lottery as part of a family syndicate, also denied that the lottery has created gambling mania in Britain. "There are all sorts of ways in which people may spend their money unwisely,

# Camelot's kingpin explains lottery as a risky business

CHRIS BLACKHURST

David Rigg can squeeze in the Independent for 20 minutes, before an interview with Welsh radio. We are lucky: some days Mr Rigg, director of communications of Camelot, the National Lottery operator which today celebrates its first birthday, does as many as 20 radio interviews and nobody else can get a look in.

As we speak, an urgent mes-sage comes to ring Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1 and broadcaster of Saturday night's live louery draw. "Tell him I'll call him back," drawls Mr Rigg, at once managing to make himself and the Independent seem more powerful than the BBC. In Mr Rigg's case, that is not

far from the truth. His weekly draw programme brings 11 million viewers to the BBC every Saturday night. Like the BBC's viewing figures, Camelot's winnings are guaranteed. When the totals are added up for the first year the lottery will have sold close to £5bn in on-line tickets and Instants scratchcards. Camelot's profits will be about 1 per cent, or £50m.

For outspoken critics like Richard Branson, whose own non-profit bid to run the game was rejected, it is an obscene amount. For Labour, too, it is likely to prove too much.

Not so Mr Rigg and Camelot. He receives a salary of about £150,000 with more to come through the 50 per cent bonus due to all Camelot executives for launching the lottery of



time, another 50 per cent for exceeding annual targets and a further 140 per cent under a long-term incentive scheme. For Camelot, its sharehold-

ers and senior executives, the money does not rain down but "Camelot put in the lowest bid," Mr Rigg says. "We charged less than the other competitors." Profits, he declares, are not excessive. That is an extraordinarily

low figure, even for a high volume, low-risk business," he maintains. Even supermarkets, which are also low-risk thanks to selling the bare necessities of life like food, he argues, do not have such a small margin.

But supermarkets have ongoing capital costs. Camelot, once the lottery was up and running, has had no such significant

expenditure. A bank credit line of £75m has barely been touched since its launch.

Like supermarkets, Camelot, argues Mr Rigg, is operating in a competitive environment. But what sort of competition is it where one company has the licence? Camelot is a monopoly provider that cannot fail.
"That always amuses me,"

Mr Rigg says, not smiling. "Back in May 1994, when we won the licence and six months before launch, we said sales would peak at £5.5bn giving total sales over the seven year licence of £32bn, with £9bn going to good causes. The great majority of commentators said it was unachievable."

Camelot, he says, faced heavy penalties if it was late at launch. "I am not sympathetic to the

1,000 adults, women were particularly concerned about BSE

with 27 per cent reporting they

is money for old rope," he says.
"Since we spend most time in this country moaning about great British cock-ups it is rereshing to have something that

has gone spectacularly right." While the public has taken to Camelot's product in such numbers that commentators were as Mr Rigg rightly says, caught out, other factors have played a part in the company's success Camelot was far quicker off the draw than anyone including Oflot, the regulator, ever imagined. Machines have been installed at a faster rate than was envisaged in the licence award.

The advertising campaign, "It Could Be You", has persuaded people to buy tickets because they feel they have as much chance as the next person rather than the realistic one in 14 million chance of winning.

All the press attention, in-

cluding the much hyped week-ly draw, inevitably has focused on the big winners. Losers are

As Camelot's own prize figures, leaked to the Independent, show, they are drawn from the least well-off groups of society. Socio-economic group DE -semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers, trainees, longterm unemployed - make up 29 per cent of the population, yet they account for 31 per cent of sales of Instants cards. C2s skilled manual workers - and DEs, make up 53 per cent of the population yet account for 57 per cent of on-line and 56 per cent of Instants sales.

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# 'Mad cow' fears hit beef consumption

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Nearly one in four people is eating less beef or has stopped eating it altogether as the result of fears over "mad cow" disease,

a poll published today says. More than half of those polled by BBC TV's consumer affairs programme Watchdog said they were very or fairly concerned about the risks posed by bovine spongiform encophalopathy (BSE), which it is feared could be transmitted from cattle to humans.

A government report last month confirmed that the number of cases of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease - the human form of BSE - doubled between 1985 and 1994, but this may be down to increased surveillance.

had either stopped eating beef or were eating beef less [compared with 23 per cent of adults as a whole]. Nearly 60 per cent Last month it was revealed of women said they were very two British teenagers had CJD, or fairly concerned about BSE. heightening fears that it was possible for the infection to be Fourteen per cent said they nevtransmitted. CJD, an incurable er ate beef anyway. One in five degenerative brain disease, is women said children in their extremely rare under the age of household had stopped eating 30, with only four other cases re-ported in the world to date. beef or were eating beef less. Men were less concerned

In the poll of more than with 75 per cent saying BSE 5000 adults, women were parto the amount of beef they ate. ■ Government figures show that up to 600 cows infected with BSE are being eaten each week. it is claimed.

Granada's World in Action reports tonight that the Ministry of Agriculture has been assuming that two cows with BSE have been eaten for every one diagnosed. Scientists claim that cases where infected cattle are not showing symptoms could be twice that of reported casualties.

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Hospital revolution: New technology transforms acute health care and brings first ever fall in patients staying overnigh

# More than half of surgery cases treated in a day

Public Policy Editor

More than half of all patients treated from surgery waitinglists are now in and out of hos pital on the same day in one of the most dramatic transformations in treatment seen since the

foundation of the NHS. The increase in day surgery has produced the first ever fall - outside of periods of industrial action - in the number of in-patients treated as overnight stays since 1948. Treatments involving a hospital stay peaked in 1991, according to the latest Department of Health figures, with day-case treatment - usually surgery - becoming the most important form of acute hospital care last year.

This revolution in the style and pattern of health care has come about in less than a decade as a wide range of new technology has become available from miniature cameras and lasers to new forms of wound closure and new-style stitches which "melt away". Improved anaesthetics and better anaesthetic techniques have contributed to the change, as has the way hospitals have organised the care they provide.

In the mid-1980s, barely 20 per cent of treatments were day cases. By 1989 that had risen to one-third, but since then day

Source: Department of Health

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+19.4 %

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How day operations have increased

cases have been increasing at a rate of about 20 per cent a year, the rise more than offsetting small falls in the numbers of inpatient treatments.

Brendan Devlin, president of the British Association of Day Surgery, said conditions now widely treated on a day-case basis include hernias, varicose veins, much knee surgery, cataracts, and a wide range of gynaecological procedures, including treatments for cancer or pre-cancer of the cervix and the womb. Some of the rise in day case treatment has occurred because surgeons have begun to abandon unproven procedures such as the routine removal of tonsils and adenoids.

"In the past, surgery for hernias would have involved a hospital stay of three to six days," Mr Devlin said. "A cataract patient might have been in for five days and varicose veins for six days or more.

"The change occurred be-cause surgeons have learnt both that they can get better results with day surgery and that patients want to go home, not be in hospital." Big improvements in anaesthetics, both general and local, have allowed patients to recover faster and have been as important as new surgical techniques. "An equally big issue has simply been developing systems for day surgery

so that it is well planned, pa-tients turn up on time and are treated in dedicated beds, not stuck at the end of a 30-bed ward in which everybody else is desperately ill."

Worries still remain about how well surgeons are trained in the new techniques, Mr De-vlin, who chaired a Royal College of Surgeous working party which recommended big improvements in training, said. And there is an argument that some of these procedures need not be carried out by fully qualified doctors - that you could train up podiatrists to undertake day-surgery procedures on the foot, for example."

With existing technology, he says, a limit has probably been reached on the number of procedures which can be transferred from standard in-patient treatment to day surgery. "I don't think we are going to see the day when hip replacements or heart transplants are done as day cases." But many surgeons still provide traditional treatment, and in time as much as 70 per cent of elective, waitinglist-type surgery could be done on the day without patients needing to stay in overnight.

The advent of day surgery is one reason why the NHS has managed to cope with rising demand, Mr Devlin added. "Daycase treatment lets you treat more patients for the available money. And careful day surgery done by experienced surgeons results in very little discomfort and very good long-term out-

The latest NHS statistics show health authorities bought 8.6 million treatments last year a rise of 6.6 per cent. Of these, almost half were emergencies, admitted immediately. But of the 4.6 million waiting-list treatments, 2.4 million were day cases, a rise of 20 per cent on the previous year, while the number of in-patient treat-ments fell almost 2 per cent to just over 2.2 million.



Satisfied customer: After his operation Robert Pinckney says day surgery helps you get back to normal as soon as possible. Photograph: John Ru

# Home in five hours after a hernia operation

**NICHOLAS TIMMINS** 

Hernias - despite the jokes they bring about middle-aged men and trusses - can happen at any age, and one happened to Robert Pinckney, 20, a student at Roehampton Institute in south-west London, last Feb-

The bulge in his groin was not painful, but it was unsightly. And for someone who plays enthusiastic badminton two or three times a week it plainly had

to be sorted out. A visit to his GP brought a hospital appointment a few weeks later and confirmation that an operation was needed. Mr Pinckney, a history and English student, put the operation off until the summer hol-

idays for fear that if it was done in term-time it might hamper his degree work.

I was told that would be all right and I was worried the operation would knock me back a bit and affect my course," he said. Operation day took him to the new, dedicated day-case surgery centre at Kingston hos-

pital, where he was offered the choice of a general or a local anaesthetic. "I'm a bit of a coward," he said, "so I took the general. I didn't really want to watch it happening." In at 9am, he was scheduled towards the end of the morning's operating list, so

a couple of hours reading mag-

azines was followed by the trip

down to the theatre, the anaes-

He was home with his parents

by 2pm - complete with an information pack about what he should and should not do, which backed up a leaflet and information he had been given at his original consultation where the day-case procedure had been explained to him.

The first day I was told to stay in bed, but on the second I had to go for a short walk each hour - just down the landing - and then back to bed. The third day it was downstairs, sitting in a straight-backed chair and then just gradually doing more. It was quite slow progress at first because I was doubled up a bit. But once I'd managed to straighten up, by the end of the first week, it was then very uous for the next few wed

"Within 10 days I was doing really well." At no point, he said, was it an agonising experience. "Obviously it hurt at first when I moved, but you had to do some of that to get back to normal. It was very uncomfortable. but not that painful."
He went back to hospital af-

ter a few weeks for a quick check that all was well. But with modern wound closing techniques, there were not even any stitches to take out. "I'd been told not to lift anything for a few weeks and not to play football or anything like that for 10 weeks or so. They told me then I'd have to do something quite drastic to do any damage, but really well," he said.

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The experience has le a fan of day-case surge much prefer to be at h familiar surroundings the family than he in ho And I think it's psychol ly good. Helps you get be normal as quickly as possi it ever happened again

do it as a day case again. Before day-case surger Pinckney might have had acute NHS bed costs hi of pounds a night. "I'll a wasn't looking forward don't think you look fo even to a minor operation from my point of view, i



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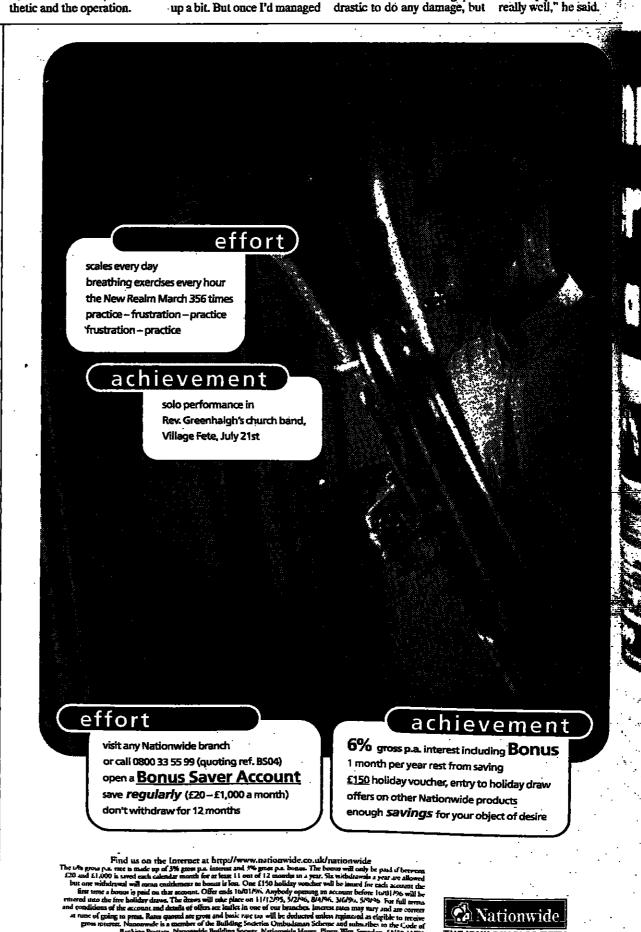
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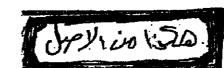
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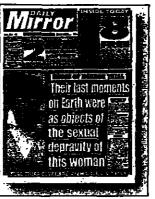
**COLIN BROWN** and RHYS WILLIAMS

Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, is preparing to make a strong attack on the press over payments to witnesses in the Rosemary West trial.

The former Cabinet minister has told close colleagues that he is waiting until the trial is over, but he is planning to warn the press that they must show restraint or face action. The PCC's code of practice contains a clause forbidding "payment or offers or of payment for stories, pictures or information ... to witnesses or potential witnesses in criminal proceedings".

Several witnesses in the West trial have admitted having contracts with the media. Anne Marie Davis, Mrs West's stepdaughter, received £3,000 from the Daily Star, Caroline Owens, who was attacked by the Wests in 1972, will eventually get £20,000 from the Sun and Kathryn Halliday, who said she dence of some witnesses in nesses gave evidence.

West trial: Wakeham concerned at cash deals with witnesses



had a lesbian relationship with Mrs West, has been paid £8,000 by the Sunday Mirror. Stephen and Mae West, who have not

bought up by the News of the World. The defence in the Rosemary West trial challenged the evi-

Massive public interest in the Rosemary West case has meant detailed coverage in the national press

court, warning the jury that the more sensational accounts they gave, the more the media would pay for their stories. Richard Ferguson QC, repre-senting Ms West, told the court given evidence, have been in Winchester that there may

The Government backed off from legislation to curb the excesses of the press. But the PCC chairman fears the issue could he raised again, if self-regulation is seen to have failed. He has also privately expressed been "an element of amateur alarm that newspapers had dramatics" in the way some wit- come perilously close to being in contempt of court in other re-

cent cases. Eight newspapers have been referred to the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, by Judge Roger Sanders after a case concerning Geoffrey Knights was abandoned because of pre-trial reports. It could lead a redefinition of the law on contempt.

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Their last mements.

Lord Wakeham's concern re-

flects mounting worry in legal and political circles about the press's conduct in criminal trials. Mark Stephens, solicitor for the Taylor sisters, whose convictions for murder were quashed last year after prejudicial reporting of their trial, said paying witnesses could jeopardise criminal cases.

It was an issue in the OJ

case. People who think they may be able to sell their story ... may enhance or add to their ac-counts. So the risk is outright lies or embellishment.

"The problem you have as a lawyer when faced with this is that you don't know a witness has been bought, so you're not able to cross-examine them in a trial.

Lord Wakeham has told friends he finds some of the reporting on the trial in the West case rather too much to bear. and is thought to be considering an inquiry into the possibility of tightening of the code of

# Beirut hostage war hero dies

ROBERT FISK Beirut

Jackie Mann, who died yester-day aged 81, was among the bravest and the saddest of the Beirut hostages, the last Briton to be kidnapped, the first to die in freedom – among the few not to be forgotten.

When you entered the dank and penurious apartment which he had shared with his wife Sunnie, the first thing you noticed on the walls were Mann's RAF squadron badges, the names of Tangmere and Biggin Hill fad-ing after years of Lebanese heat, along with the happier memories of his long-ago romance and marriage.
When he was released by his

kidnappers in September 1991, at the age of 77, he had spent 865 days in captivity, all of them in solitary confinement. forced to eat the Arabic food he hated, and given no medication for the terrible, itching, burnscars inflicted in the Battle of Britain. Frail and haggard after his release to Syrian security men, he angrily announced that his voice had gone "after two and a half years of chaining, of being told 'do this', 'do that', 'don't do that' and 'be quiet'." He was brought back to

Britain, given a Spitfire fly-past at RAF Lyncham and returned to the arms of his wife.

Sunnie Mann, who during his captivity had written a nostal-gic book of their difficult life together - with his bank account sealed, she was desperate to find a means to support herself - was to die of cancer scarcely a year after his release. Squadron

Leader Mann lived on in Cyprus, unable to drag himself from the Mediterranean sun to a grey Britain that held nothing for him. He had been suffering from heart and lung problems, and died at his home in Nicosia.

He was a man who lived the greatest days of his life at an earage, shot down six times in his Spitfire before being so badly burned that he entered the "guinea-pig" plastic surgery hospital at East Grinstead. In 1941, with a painful new face, he met Sunnie, then a young attractive divorcée and part-time ambulance driver. The couple arrived in Lebanon in 1946 -Jackie went to work for the new Middle East Airlines; Sunnie started a riding school in Beirut.

But by the start of the civil war in 1975, he was retired; his pension was collapsing with the devalued Lebanese pound, his marriage had long ago lost its magic. Their coastal apartment block had turned into a squalid building surrounded by militia offices. Jackie Mann was kidnapped near his favourite pub in May, 1989 - perhaps because of some injudicious remarks he made about Salman Rushdie in front of a Shiite Muslim television cameraman. His captors, possibly Palestinians, treated him with contempt - as he did them - until the UN Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar, secured his release.

Always fearing that the sacrifices of the Second World War were being forgotten. Mr Mann would probably have wished to die on no other day than Remembrance Sunday. Obitnary, page 18



Leading article, page 20 | Jackie Mann, who died yesterday, with wife Sunnie

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Divorced vicar: Sacked clergyman wins parish support as diocese ignores illegal services

## Fighting spirit lives on in a country church

**ANDREW BROWN** 

A Remembrance Day service in the Norfolk hamlet of Little Cressingham is about as Eng-lish as you can get. The church was full and not very warm, so that the breath of the congregants steamed a little in the autumn air. Some wore their poppies pinned outside their Barbours, the hymns were traditional; the vicar looked highminded and nervous - ascetic in his half-moon spectacles. Nothing could be more traditional - expect that this service

For the priest was the Rev Kit Chalcraft, and in the congregation was his wife, Suzanne Hall. Mr Chalcraft was sacked in February by the bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Peter Nott, who disapproved of the fact that Ms Hall is his third wife. Five of the ten parishes he looked after refused to accept his successor, the Ven Anthony Foottit, and claim to have unilaterally declared their independence from the diocese.

The rebel congregation now meets in each of its five churches in turn, among them St Andrew's, Little Cressingham. Even for Mr Chalcraft to preach is technically illegal, since anyone who preaches more than once in an Anglican church should have permission making no effort to enforce the law, and hope that the whole

congregation, however, believe they are standing up for prin-



Preaching to the faithful: The Rev Kit Chalcraft by the choir stalls of St Andrew's church, Little Cressingham, yesterday

battle as one against wasteful, The ruined portions outside and insensitive diocesan burcaucracy. Some believe they are returning the Church of Engfrom the bishops. However, land to the people, and that the the diocesan authorities are end of their struggle will be a church purified: one returned to its roots.

thing will simply die away.

You would not expect to find a revolution with such large ambitions in Little Cressingham, with its exquisite, but shrunken, ciples more far-reaching than the right of a divorced priest to medieval building was blown church. Much of the original remarry as often as it takes to down in a storm, and half the find happiness. They see their nave was bricked off in 1781.

suggest grandeur and holiness even more powerfully than the functioning inside. Perhaps it is a model for the Church of

England after all.
The congregation of about 50 contained just three children, and perhaps five of the adults were under the age of 40. The couples were county-ish: confi-dent men with large teeth, and worried-looking women. Instead of an organ, there was a brass band accompanying the hymns; its performance possi-

bly accounting for the expression of anguish on one woman's face: she was a concert pianist.

They sang I vow to thee my national anthem. The sermon, in keeping with the occasion, rambled around the twin themes of war and peace without attaining mastery of either

But that, too, is part of tradition. Country priests are meant to preach badly and do other things well, and there was no doubt of the affection in which Mr Chalcraft is held by

his congregation. The service felt like a communal act of remembrance of the sort that is only possible in churches where the surnames of the congregation are the same as those on the village war memorial. It really did feel like the Church of England, or at least the church of an Eng-

Such a feeling of community and belonging is certainly going to be needed if the Church of England is to pay its priests in

lish community.

Photograph: Keith Whitmore

an uncertain future where most of the Church Commissioners' income will go on pensions.

Whether these villages could provide enough money to keep their traditional churches going in the long run is another question. St Andrew's, in its tiny hamlet, needed £60,000 over the past five years to make the structure safe - on top of the normal running costs.

And that is a problem less tractable, if less sexy, than the number of wives a vicar should

# Major vents anger over call for Sin Fein talks

JOHN RENTOUL and ALAN MURDOCH

John Major responded sharply yesterday to a call from his Irish opposite number, John Bruton, for the British Government to move towards all-party talks with Sinn Fein, as the rift between London and Dublin

Mr Bruton was handed a note of the angry British response, expressing "dismay and astonishment", before he left the London hotel in which he made the speech on Saturday.

Yesterday morning, Mr Ma-jor said: There is no purpose whatsoever in launching all-party talks until we have a basis that will make sure there is some chance that those all-party talks are likely to

He said it was not the Irish Prime Minister's fault that "we are not yet in that position, and neither is it the British Government's fault that we are not

yet in that position". Speaking in New Zealand, where he was attending the Commonwealth heads of government meeting, before de-parting for London, he added: The problem above all lies with Sinn Fein and Sinn Fein's complete reluctance to tackle the question, even with an international body, of how their arsenal of weapons and explosives are going to be taken out of commission."

Mr Bruton was unrepentant yesterday, although a spokesman insisted he was not proposing immediate all-party talks, but "preliminary talks involving the two governments and Sinn

But Mr Bruton, who has so far been guarded and cautious

doubt that he wanted tion by Britain to adve

peace process. He urged "early" talks, and dismissed p British objections to velopment as "compa minor in historical terms That prompted stinging

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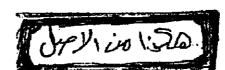
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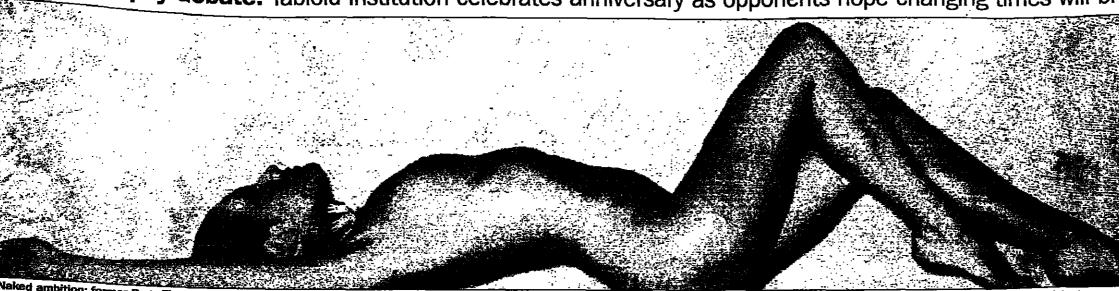




it takes all sorts



# Pornography debate: Tabloid institution celebrates anniversary as opponents hope changing times will bring its demise



# Sunset looms as Page Three marks 25 years

LOUISE JURY

She has defied the feminists and the years. The glamour may have tarnished, her star faded, but when the Sun's Page Three girl sticks out ner chest this Friday she will be marking 25 years of topless titillation.

On 17 November 1970, Sir Larry Lamb, the Sien's then editor, published the naked breasts of model Stephanie Rahn in his newspaper and a national institution was born.

The page's biggest successes became household names. It was a big weapon in the newspaper circulation wars. The bitter arguments over Clare Short's anti-Page Three Bill served to fuel the interest in the likes of Samantha Fox, Maria Whittaker and Linda Lusardi.

The Campaign Against Pornography was set up to sup-port Ms Short and fights on. But time and the supermodel may now be its best chances of success. Two years ago, Rupert Murdoch, the newspaper's proprietor, conceded that the Page Three lovely might be past her sell-by date.

More significantly, the cult of the supermodel and her new found willingness to bare parts never bared before has dented the Page Three market. Once the fashion models started doing semi-nude calendars the pin-up lost popularity, Yvonne Paul, a former Benny Hill girl who runs a model agency, said.

Page Three used to be a better career move than it is now, she said. "It used to mean the girl would move on to being a minor celebrity. I don't think

that's going to happen again."

There is still money to be made, even though the Daily Mirror dropped its equivalent several years ago. A Page Three session – invariably with photographer Beverley Goodway, who has snapped more than 50,000 – will take three hours and pay £60 an hour, Ms Paul said, "Girls who work for Tatler

or Vogue get £80 a day."

Tracy Kirby, 29, became a
Page Three girl after a friend sent in her picture to a competition. She was embarrassed at first, but it was exciting, "You were a queen. You had a brilliant time."

Now she is trying to break into television with Live TV. Her past has been a mixed blessing. "I certainly wouldn't be doing what I'm doing now if it wasn't for Page Three. But people won't take you seriously. I've had to prove myself."

Today's "girls" know the heyday is over and there are problems, like nuisance calls. But she thinks the pictures are harmless. Maria Whittaker, 27, was

one of the stars. More than 3,500 turned up on a wet Wednesday to see her open a shop in Oxford Street. Now she is concentrating on a singing ca-reer and agrees a Page Three past makes it more difficult. People imagine we can't talk and that we have no personality. But I'm glad I did it. I travelled the world, met lots of people, earned money.

The Page Three girl is losing

her pull, relegated on occasion to page five or seven. On a busy news day she can vanish. The Campaign Against Pornography is confident it is winning the battle. "Eventual-

Andrea Alexander said.



Context is the key in questions of taste

### Analysis

Context is all. Spotty 14-yearold boys sniggering at lewd pic-tures of nude women is harmless enough. But those same pictures pinned up in a public place make another statement - a challenge, an aggressive proclamation that this

is a male supremacy zone. Clare Short, who twice attempted to get Page Three girls banned by law, never want-ed pornography banned. She saw nothing wrong with men quietly indulging in their private masturbatory fantasies. Under the counter was fine, but displaying it on the shelves was not.

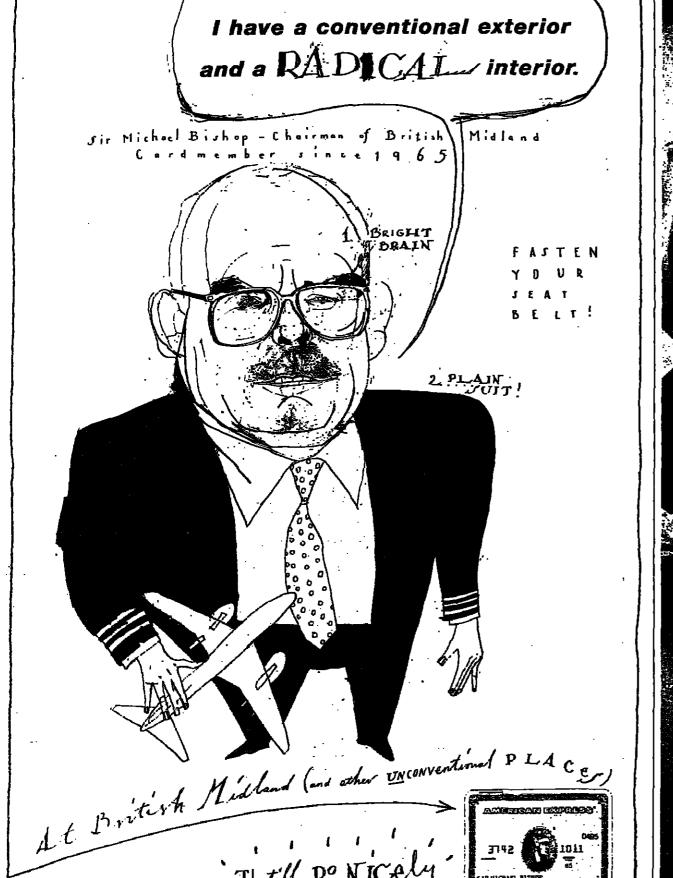
Girls they are - pouting, protruding, mindless, malleable, cheeky but willing. If the world were peopled by females such as these, men would have no problem with their shrinking role. These images keep women in their place, as objects de-

signed for men.
There is no conclusive proof that pornography incites men to rape. Most of the evidence we sifted through on the Williams Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship suggests that rapists sought it out. Although given tortuous evidence to sug-gest sex crime rose wherever pornography was most available, that correlation never

stood up to rigorous scrutiny.
No, the offence is not the existence of pornography, but the triumphalist flaunting of beastly images of women in pub-lic places. What could be more public than page three of the Sun? It doesn't much matter how much nipple or crotch is on show. What matters is the culture the pictures promote - a culture of abasing women.

Ban it? It was a cold campaign but doomed, and rightly. Bad taste and ideological affront are hardly sufficient grounds for censorship. Perhaps the Page Three girl will simply become an increasingly bizarre anachronism, the dirty delight of a shrinking band of inadequate. frightened little Sun men.

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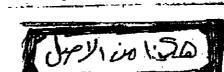
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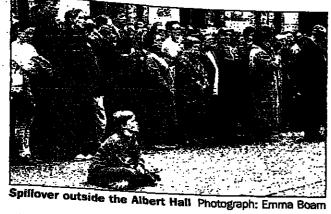




Israeli security lapses: Shin Bet was told weeks ago about conspiracy to murder PM 

Thousands attend London memorial service

# Secret police knew of plot to kill Rabin



PATRICK COCKBURN

The Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency, was told of the plot to kill Yitzhak Rabin weeks before the assassination, the authorities have acknowledged. The service failed to act because the informant did not specifically name Yigal Amir, the assassin who police now believe made at least five attempts to kill the Prime Minister.

Fresh evidence that the Shin Bet not only allowed Amir to fire two shots into Rabin's chest at point-blank range but had information about the group that was stalking the Prime Minister is bound to create fresh controversy about the security services in Israel.

Arik Schwartz, a soldier from the Golani brigade in which Amir also served, was arrested at the weekend. A cache of weapons, including hand grenades and explosives, was found at his parents house. Police say the group, as well as killing Rabin, planned to explode bombs in Palestinian cities to stop Israeli withdrawal.

The Shin Bet learned in general terms about the conspiracy from a man who says he ganisation, which, he said, had was "shocked somebody he knew was planning to assassinate the Prime Minister".

assassination on 4 November but was released. The Shin Bet failed to identify the plotters from his description.

Amir first intended to shoot Rabin with a sniper's rifle outside his home in Tel Aviv. The conspirators traced the Prime Minister's movements and studied his security arrangements to get a clear shot, according to a report on Israeli television.

Yesterday, hundreds of Israelis gathered around the stone at the bottom of the back stairs of Tel Aviv's town hall. which marks the place where Rabin fell. There was to be a memorial rally last night attended by Leah Rabin, his

The concrete paving stones in Malchei Yisrael Square, which is to be renamed Yitzhak Rabin Square, are slippery from the wax of thousands of memorial candles that people have left at the site of the assassination. Walls are covered with handwritten messages and pictures of Rabin and some tree trunks are draped in black. In the centre of the square yesterday. a man was shouting abuse at the right-wing Likud party for setting the stage for the assassination by its harsh rhetoric.

At the weekend, Moshe Shahal, the Police Minister, spelled out details of the orplanned two actions: "The first was the murder of the Prime Minister, the second was the He was questioned after the organising by extremists of attacks on Palestinian targets after the implementation of Israeli redeployment."



Act of remembrance: The crowded scene in London's Albert Hall during a ceremony yesterday in honour of the late Israeli leader

said it had found no evidence of a conspiracy.

What looked like an attack by an individual slowly appears as the organisation of several people and even an orderly organisation," said Dan Arbel. a magistrate investigating the as-

agreeing to hand the West Bank

cy among the religious right will inflame the political atmosphere, especially if extremist rabbis are found to have given their blessing to Rabin's murder. Police are protecting Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun. He had vowed to expose rabbis who believed Rabin should be killed for

extremists threatened Rabbi Bin-Nun's life.

The security forces were present in large numbers around Rabin's grave on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem vesterdav as Mrs Rabin and her family came to pay their respects.

back to the Palestinians. Jewish vious laxity. One right-wing activist boasted to Israeli television last month of how he had stripped a hood ornament from Rabin's car when hundreds of protesters surrounded the vehicle outside the parliament. He said: "Just like we got the ornament, we can also get Rabin."

raised \$100,000 for Amir's defence are fuelling demands in Israel that Jewish extremists from the US should not be allowed to emigrate to Israel. Yos-Sarid, the Environment Minister, said: "Just as there are international laws banning the

and garbage from one state to another, there must be a way of banning these people who endanger Israel.

Photograph: Philip Meech

All those under arrest for the murder of Mr Rabin were born in Israel but many of the more extreme activists in the West

# E Slavonia agrees to rejoin Croatia

Erdut, Croatia (Reuter) - the end of November. Zagreb Rebel Croatian Serbs in East- alarmed the UN last week by ern Slavonia agreed yesterday to rejoin Croatia. lifting the threat of fighting over the territory that could have wrecked peace hopes in the Balkans.

The UN mediator. Thorvald Stoltenberg, said after Serb leaders signed a peace draft at their Erdut headquarters: "I think we have experienced the start of the end of the war in ex-Yugoslavia."

Mr Stoltenberg and the US ambassador. Peter Galbraith, presented the Serbs with a draft worked out at the Balkan summit in the United States by President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia and President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia.

The mediators later returned to Zagreb for the agreement of Croatia's government to the terms ending a Serb rebellion that erupted into war when Croatia broke away from former Yugoslavia in 1991. The Croatian army recaptured two other rebel enclaves earlier this year and Mr Tudjman threatened to use force in Eastern Slavonia if will also let Eastern Slavonia's the Serbs did not back down by Serbs remain.

reinforcing its troops in the region, which borders Serb-dominated rump Yugoslavia and was regarded as a potential flashpoint for a renewed war between Croats and Serbs.

The chief Serb negotiator, Milan Milanovic, said he agreed to a one-year period of transi-tion to Croat rule with the option of a further year if needed.

A text of the agreement said the UN would administer the territory and provide peacekeepers during the transition. The area would be fully demilitarised within 30 days of UN peace-keepers and police being deployed. There was no mention of a Serb demand for a referendum at the end of the transition period to settle whether Eastern Slavonia

should be Croat or Serb. The mediators said that the agreement would preserve the multi-ethnic character of Eastem Slavonia, allowing the return of almost 100,000 Croat refugees driven out in 1991. It

# Gingrich admits slim chance against Clinton

JOHN CARLIN Washington

Newt Gingrich, the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, said yesterday the chances were "very, very slim" that he would run for the presidency next year and all but admitted that in an election against President Bill Clinton he would lose.

Mr Gingrich was speaking on NBC television's Meet the Press at a time of particularly sour relations between the Republicanled Congress and the White House. Because of Mr Clinton's refusal to sign a Republican spending bill, the indications are that much of the federal government will be shut down tomorrow, with more than 800,000 civil servants likely to be told not to report for work.

Political commentators have turned to the classic images of American macho mythology "High Noon", "game of chicken", "who will blink first?" - to characterise the showdown between the President and Congress. While neither side will explicitly acknowledge it, what

President Clinton is betting that if he toughs it out he will help to create the sort of public perceptions necessary for him to be re-elected next year. Mr Senate. Gingrich and his congressional cohorts are hoping they will be applauded for sticking to their guns, battling to reduce the federal budget, and that the President will receive the lion's share of the blame for the im-

pending government shutdown. It is the Republicans who appear to be taking the greater risk
- a view Mr Gingrich seems to
share. In the NBC interview, he said Mr Clinton would beat him in a "personality contest". If an election race between him and the President were to be "about personalities, he'd win", Mr Gingrich said. "He's remarkably good at pleasing people."
The Speaker was responding

to the results of the latest polls. These show he is lagging far behind Mr Clinton in popularity (28 per cent to 62 per cent); that ing blackmailed. "I will not al-Mr Clinton's approval ratings low them to impose new, generally, at 52 per cent, are higher than at any point in 18 [federal health care for the

is at stake is the popularity of months, and higher than those each with the American public. of the Republican Congress or any of the Republican presidential candidates, including the front-runner, Bob Dole, the majority leader in the

The notion is taking hold in the White House that the Republican bubble has burst. The failure of the Republicans to sustain their winning momentum in state and mayoral elections held countrywide last week is being widely interpreted as symptomatic of a growing public unease about Mr Gingrich's zeal to balance the budget by making deep cuts in

welfare spending.
Hardliners in the congressional Republican caucus have insisted that the spending bill Mr Clinton would have to sign today to keep the government functioning should include budget-cutting commitments which the Democrats



clash reaches crisis point

elderly], education and the environment as a condition of keeping the government open," he said in his weekly radio address on Saturday.

Mr Clinton spoke on the phone to both Mr Gingrich

and Mr Dole on Saturday. Mr Gingrich complained that the President had "basically hung up on us". Mr Dole complained that the President had in effect told him to "get lost". But Mr Clinton was not complaining. For the first time in a long while the Republicans are feeling more uncomfortable than he is. Reflecting the President's new-ly confident mood, White House officials said yesterday that he was unlikely to heed a call from Mr Gingrich to respond to the looming domestic crisis by cancelling a sched-uled trip to Japan this weekend.

### Chinese set to name their tame lama

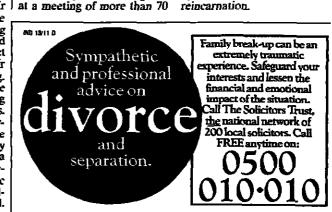
TERESA POOLE

Tibetans will be faced with two alternative Panchen Lamas after the Chinese government last night opted for direct public conflict with the Dalai Lama over the choice of the second holiest figure in Tibetan Bud-dhism. "The Chinese are irrevocably set on confrontation, said Robbie Barnett at the London-based Tibet Information

Network. In long dispatches from the official Xinhua news agency, the government said that a shortlist of three boys had been agreed at a meeting of more than 70

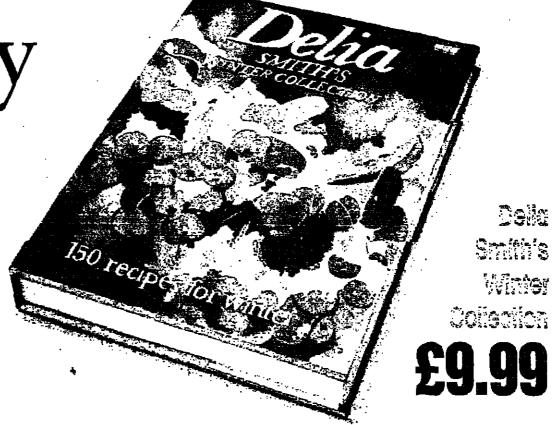
lamas which ended in Peking at the weekend. The final determination will be made at a religious ceremony in Lhasa during which a name will be drawn from a golden urn to identify the reincarnated Panchen Lama, said Xinhua. The name would be forwarded to the central government for approval. President Jiang Zemin has urged that the child be chosen "at an early date".

The list of three candidates, who have not yet been identified by the Chinese, does not include six-year-old Gedhun Choekvi Nyima, named in May by the Dalai Lama as the

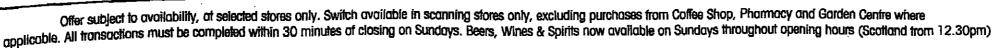


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# They decided on diplomacy. It failed.

# Commonwealth to enforce rights code

The Commonwealth yesterday agreed to measures which create a framework for the expulsion of member states and for economic sanctions if they fail to meet basic democratic course if more than 40 prisonnorms. Agreement of some kind of human rights package was on the summit agenda even before the execution of the Nigerian writer Ken Saro-Wiwa. on Friday. But officials admitted that his death had "galvanised" leaders, as a deadly reminder of the need to act.

The programme agreed at the resort of Millbrook is intended to give teeth to the Harare declaration of 1991, which emphasised the importance of human rights and democracy. The programme seeks to provide an early-warning system for political emergencies. A series of responses range from the gentie rap over the knuckles ("collective disapproval" and bilateral demarches by member countries"), through exhigh-level Commonwealth meetings, to suspension, sanctions and expulsion. Eight foreign ministers will head a special group to assess infringements and recom-

mend what action to take. On Saturday, Commonwealth leaders responded to the hanging of Saro-Wiwa and eight others by suspending Nigeria's membership. It is still unclear whether this will make Nigeria

been one of the most important members of the organisation; the secretary-general, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, is a former Nigerian foreign minister.

Nigeria can be expelled in due ers - including the apparent winner of the 1993 elections, Chief Moshood Abiola - are not released from jail.

Chief Anyaoku yesterday welcomed the actions taken by the Commonwealth against his country. "What happened this weekend was bound to happen." he said, "because the credibility of the Commonwealth was put in question. The heads of government could not but do what they have done."

Jim Bolger, who as New Zealand prime minister is the host and chairman of the Commonwealth summit, said yesterday's agreement contained "far-reaching decisions" and "takes the Commonwealth into

The Millbrook Commonwealth Action Programme defines the responses when a country is "clearly in violation" of the Harare declaration, and "particularly in the event of an unconstitutional overthrow of a democratically elected government". The listed responses are intended to "encourage the restoration of democracy within a reasonable time frame".

The measures combine softthreatened big stick of expul-

of the Commonwealth entire-ly. Nigeria has traditionally assistance" can be offered, "to facilitate an early restoration of democracy". There is the possibility, too, of creating an Eminent Persons' Group - such as was sent to South Africa in the last years of apartheid - where "such a mission would be beneficial in reinforcing the Commonwealth's good offices role".

The retreat was restricted to Commonwealth leaders and one close adviser in order to emphasise the intimacy of the event. Participants said yesterday there had been surprisingly little disagreement on the main points - not least, perhaps, because there was so little time for the agreement to be rushed through. Officials had been working on a version of the programme for some time. But the Saro-Wiwa execution gave added urgency, and meant that

The question of sanctions was, in Mr Bolger's words, "not seriously debated" at the retreat. According to one participant, this was because the potential importance of sanctions was "taken for granted - you have to understand, we had very little time". Sceptics argued that Commonwealth leaders had shied away from discussing the details of a measure that would inevitably prove painful and controversial.

Critics suggested that the Commonwealth leaders had taken fright at the prospect of ter Nigeria's deadly show of de-



Emotional protest: A Nigerian protesting in London at the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa yesterday

Millbrook agreement emphasised the difficulties of achieving a consensus on such matters, and argued that it was remarkable that the result was as strong as it was. "You've got introducing sanctions, even af- to take 52 countries along with you. To get this far is extraor-

whether Nigeria would feel dismayed by its suspension, or whether it would simply walk out of the Commonwealth. Of-

There was dispute, too, over ter quite a lot to them. This has macy route. That's what they hether Nigeria would feel disremoved Nigeria completely as decided. It didn't work. My faremoved Nigeria completely as a force of influence."

Ken Wiwa, son of Saro-Wiwa, was bitter about the perceived ficials acknowledged that it was a "strong possibility" that Nigerian ria might now leave. None the regime. "They decided in their

ther and others are now dead. It is a shame, and we must learn

lessons from that." Even John Major seemed to admit that the softly-softly ap-proach had been misguided:

some time with the Nigerians, and clearly it hasn't proved

The Millbrook programme contained not just the package of measures connected with democracy and human rights, but also measures for promot-

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the country.
Police believe that the Lord is just one of the wealthy aristocrats recruited by the mastermind behind the operation, the notorious Mr. Big. 'He was basically just a lackey' a spokesman told reporters. 'Mr. Big has friends in very high places over whom he exerts an inordinate amount of influence'.



Frogmen to dredge lake

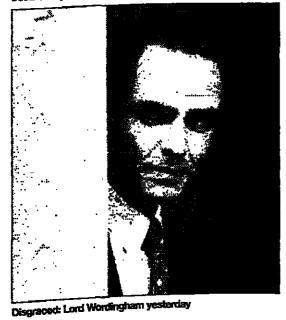
Police frogmen are preparing to dredge the lake on the Lord's country estate in case any of the missing Almeras have been dumped there. Over

6,000 are still missing, including those which disappeared in the multimillion pound heist in the Bay of Biscay.

The Lord, a keen racing driver, lived his jet set lifestyle to the full. Only last week he was snapped in the Riviera surrounded by some of Europe's wealthmixes in fashionable circles there is no evidence to suggest that he has any Royal connections.

Just why the Lord was willing to risk so much is unclear. Although there is speculation that he and the other Almera abductors resented the fact that ordinary people could afford a car as luxurious, comfortable and technologically advanced as the Almera. The Almera's highly innovative Multilink Beam Suspension, for example, makes it drive like a

performance car. Nissan have stressed that new Almeras are still readily available from a secret location under high security guard. Any member of the public wishshould call 0345 66 99 66.



# It took five tries to hang Saro-Wiwa

FRANK AIGBOGUN

Lagos — It took five attempts to hang Ken Saro-Wiwa before the Nigerian writer spoke his last words and his body went limp. "Lord take my soul but the struggle continues," were the anti-government activist's final words before he died on Friday morning, blindfolded and dangling from a rope.

Several Lagos newspapers reported yesterday that Saro-Wiwa was the first of the nine condemned Ogoni activists to be hanged in Port Harcourt.

According to the Lagos daily AM News, the hangmen made four attempts before finally killing Saro-Wiwa on the fifth one. At one point Saro-Wiwa asked: "Why are you people treating me like this? Which type of country is this?"

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in the southern port city of ordering the murders of four political rivals who were shot at a 1994 political rally. He insisted he was framed because of his opposition to Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha, and the oil industry. which accounts for about 80 per er to General Abacha on legal cent of the country's foreign income. Saro-Wiwa had campaigned on behalf of the 500,000 Ogoni people who live

in the oil-rich southern states and claimed their land was be-

ing destroyed by pollution. The military ruling council upheld the sentences on Wednesday, provoking an international outcry, and Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth on Saturday. The 52-member Commonwealth

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Saro-Wiwa, 54, was convict- Nigeria has two years to end its to the Port Harcourt prison. The ed on 31 October by a tribunal military dictatorship and re- junta apparently wanted the store democracy or face expul-

The government-backed News Agency of Nigeria said the suspension amounted to unfair meddling "Suspending Nigeria is not appropriate," said Hawalu Yadudu, special adviswithout due regard for the role of non-interference in the internal affairs of member

countries. According to Mr Yadudu, Saro-Wiwa and the other executed men had identified 14 Ogoni leaders for elimination, including the four men who

were killed. Several newspapers reported that only hours after the government upheld the death senthat tences, nine coffins were moved

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executions to take place immediately but later found that Port Harcourt, which had held no executions since Nigeria's independence from Britain in 1960, did not have the equipment for hangings.

On Thursday, executioners were flown in from the northern Muslim city of Sokoto. They took rooms in a hotel and awaited their task. About 5am on Friday, Saro-

Wiwa and his eight companions were roused from their cells at the army camp where they had been held since their convictions. They were told they were being taken to the Port Harcourt prison, on the purported grounds there was reason to suspect the army camp might be attacked by Ogoni youths.

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junta apparently wanted the nine men were herded into one room and shackles were placed on their wrists and ankles. They were then led out, one after the other, beginning with Saro-Wiwa. After the executions, the bodies were taken under armed guard to the public cemetery around 3.15pm. Relatives have not been allowed to visit the graves. Two Nigerian men claiming

to be sons of two of the murdered Ogonis - Kenneth Kobani, a London-based lawyer, and Desmond Orage, an insurance agent in Los Angeles - said yesterday that Saro-Wiwa was guilty. "I do accept that Nigeria has some flaws," Mr Kobani said. "However, even an unpopular government can sometimes be right. I believe the verdict of guilt is a justified

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Welcome to 53rd member of the club

Auckland - Mozambique will be "warmly welcomed" today -Bolger, announcing the news yesterday - as the 53rd member of the Commonwealth, writes Steve Crawshaw.

The arrival of Mozambique serves as a reminder that, for some at least, the Commonwealth is far from dead. At the beginning of the conference, Cameroon received its official welcome after being admitted earlier this month. South Africa asked to rejoin the Commonwealth within two weeks of Nelson Mandela's inauguration as President last year.

South Africa and, to a lesser extent, Cameroon are obvious candidates for Commonwealth membership. South Africa had been a member before - until the apartheid state left the Commonwealth, unloved and

unwanted, three decades ago. Although Cameroon was French-ruled, part of the country was under Britain after the First World War. In addition, part of what used to be Cameroon is now Nigeria. Thus, Cameroon also has a British connection. Admitted-ly, President Paul Biya of Cameroon is said to have had al conversation with the Queen whom he now recognises as head of the Commonwealth in French, in which he is more

fluent than in English. Mozambique was Portugnese-ruled, and thus does not fulfil any of the usual criteria that are mentioned by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anayoku, when describing the "special qualities" of the Commonwealth Mozambique does not use English as an official language of communication, nor does it have the partly compatible legal and administrative structures that were a legacy of British rule. Nor, as far as anybody knows, does the Queen speak Portuguese.

In Mozambique's case, how-ever, membership seems to be a recognition of its close rela-tionship with other former 'frontline states" in southern Africa - most notably, Zimbabwe. It has a good relation-ship, too, with the new South Africa, which, in apartheid Airica, waren, times, used to be the chief destabiliser in the region.

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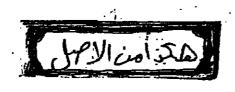
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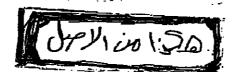
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# NIGERIA IN THE DOCK

# Father and the others are now dead'

Mandela under fire for failing to act

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In the rush to apportion blame for the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight fellow political activists in Nigeria on Friday, ac-cusing fingers have been point-ed at President Nelson Mandela\_

Rage is being focused on the South African President on account of his initial softlysoftly approach towards Nigeria's military rulers and the growing perception that he had blocked tougher international action to isolate the country. Some Nigeriaus werebitter about their feelings of betray-al by a man viewed as the embodiment of Africa's moral

Mr Mandela "had the opportunity to save the lives of the nine human-rights activists but he opted to fold his arms while they were being slain", said Imme Edigeji, a friend of Saro-Wiwa's and a representative of the Democratic Alternative, a pro-democracy group based in

He blamed Mr Mandela for failing to heed the Nigerian opposition's appeals for decisive action against the government of General Sani Abacha. "We hope Mandela now sees the Nigerian military regime does not appreciate his language," Mr Edigeji said. Nigeria was widely regarded as the first crucial foreign policy test for the new South Africa and Mr Mandela's first chance to assert himself as the continent's most respected statesman.

South Africa did lead attempts by African states to tread carefully because Nigeria's



Wave of criticism: Nelson Mandela with Daniel arap Moi of Kenya at the Commonwealth summit

persuade Nigeria's military government to quicken moves towards democracy. But, in doing so. Mr Mandela rejected calls to isolate the country. Instead, he opted for a policy that could be compared to the "constructive engagement" of previous US governments with the apartheid regime.

Aziz Pahad, the Deputy Foreign Minister, told the weekly Mail and Guardian before the hangings that South Africa believed the policy was working. He said South Africa had to leaders thought Pretoria was being used as a tool of London and shington.

It appears the case was the opposite. The US and Britain may have been looking to Mr Mandela to provide a lead in how to deal with Nigeria.

In an interview published in South Africa vesterday, Dovin Abiola, wife of Moshood Abiola, the imprisoned winner of the annulled 1993 Nigerian elections, said that during meetings with US and British officials in September it was clear they were waiting to take their cue

from President Mandela. This impression was echoed

by Nigeria's Nobel prize-winning writer, Wole Soyinka, who said that because of Mr Mandela's moral gravitas, neither Washington nor London would have dared go against him over Nigeria. Mr Soyinka added his voice to the list of critics of South Africa's Nigerian policy three weeks ago in a series of widely published interviews attacking the position of Mr Mandela and his African National

"They are not criticising

Nigeria publicly for the very ironic reason that they feel responsibility is beginning to they owe Nigeria a debt for its stand against apartheid," Mr Soyinka said. "But how can they be so naive as to not recog-

not the government which is oppressing those very people."
In South Africa, most of the anger has been directed against Nigeria for having made Mr Mandela look bad. Archbishop Desmond Tutu accused the Nigerians of humiliating Mr

Mandela. But the idea that Mr

nise the fact that their debt of

gratitude is to the people and

Photograph: Nigel Marple/Reuter Mandela may share some

surface locally as well. In a leading article, Johan-nesburg's Sunday Independent said: "It has to be said that we have given the wrong lead. Shuttle diplomacy, hindsight now shouts out, merely bought time for Abacha and allowed his hangmen to tie their nooses

It added: "We have been taught a hard lesson in continental diplomacy, and now have to put that new knowledge to

# Shell defies calls to pull out oil operations

NICHOLAS SCHOON and OLIVER TICKELL

Shell said last night it had no intention of pulling out of Nigeria, despite threats of an intensified international protest campaign against the oil com-pany and widespread calls for oil sanctions against the country's military regime.

The company said it would go ahead with a huge gas invest-ment project in Nigeria, even though the World Bank said, after it learnt of the executions of Ken Saro-Wiwa and his eight Ogoni co-defendants, that it would withdraw its backing for the £2.7bn scheme.

But John Major said yester-day that the British government would discuss the planned investment with Shell urgently. "Quite where they are with their plans, what obligations they have entered into and what the impact of any action would be is not something I yet know," the Prime Minister

A Shell International spokesman said: "We have a major commitment to the people of Nigeria and the Niger delta. Our withdrawal would hit the Nigerian people hardest and put our own staff there in a dangerous position".

With 14 per cent of Shell's global oil production coming from Nigeria's oilfields, the world's biggest oil corporation could ill afford to quit. In partnership with the Nigerian government and French and Italian oil companies, it produces about half of Nigeria's oil. Shell would own one quarter of the proposed liquefied natural gas plant to be built near Ogoniland, and says it would bring thousands of jobs to the im-

poverished delta lands.

The World Bank's International Finance Corporation announced on Friday that it would not be taking a 2 per cent stake or providing a \$100m (£64m) loan for the project.

Environmentalists, human rights groups and the Londonbased Ogoni Community Association are to meet today to decide how to take their campaign against Shell and the Nigerian government forward. They accuse the oil giant of causing environmental destruction in the Ogoni area through oil spills and the flar-ing of natural gas while colluding with a repressive regime.

The main groups involved are Greenpeace. Friends of the Earth, Amnesty International and the Body Shop. They are united in the belief that there should be international oil sanctions against Nigeria.

Lazarus Tamana, the association president, said that "individuals, having heard our story and seeing the reality of the situation, should use their own individual purchasing power to protest.

Lord Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace UK, said there would be organised protests against Shell in Britain and many other countries.

Over the weekend five Shell petrol stations in England and Wales were closed by demonstrations organised by the group Earth First! It said it was plan-

ning more protests. Shell said the allegations of environmental devastation were "false and misleading". The company had appealed to the Nigerian head of state, General Sani Abacha, for clemency for Saro-Wiwa and his co-defendants, and as a private company could not get involved in Nigerian internal affairs.

### INBRIEF

Sri Lankan troops 'capture Tiger base'

Colombo - Sri Lankan soldiers attacking the Tamil stronghold of Jaffna captured an underground base, security sources said vesterday. Tamil Tiger guerrillas, fighting a rearguard action to desend Jaffna town, lost 70 fighters on Saturday, raising their death toll to more than 250 since the army resumed its push on Friday, military sources said. In Colombo, more roadblocks went up and hundreds were questioned over attacks on Saturday by suicide bombers in which 15 people died.

### Kentucky Fried Chicken shuts Delhi store

New Delhi - The US fast-food giant Kentucky Fried Chicken, facing action from a Hindu nationalist municipal government, shut its Delhi store yesterday after officials cancelled its licence on health grounds. The company blames the Hindu BJP party's campaign against foreign firms.

### Loach film wins top award

Berlin - Land and Freedom, the British director Ken Loach's film about the Spanish Civil War, was named yesterday as the Film of the Year by the European Film Academy.

### Van den Broek off Nato list

Amsterdam — The European commissioner Hans van den Broek will not be put forward by the Netherlands as a candidate for the post of Nato Secretary-General, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "With the important EU intergovernmental conference coming up next year, we don't want to lose one of our most experienced representatives at an influential post," he said. Reuter

### Azeris go to polls for first time

Baku — Azerbaijan held its first parliamentary election since it won independence in 1991 and also voted on a constitution expected to increase President Haydar Aliyev's already sweeping

### East Timor calm on anniversary of killings

Jakarta - East Timor's capital, Dili, was quiet, despite reports of widespread harassment as security was tightened during the anniversary of the 1991 killing of separatist protesters by Indonesian

# EU suspends aid deals

Brussels (Reuter) — The European Commission said yesterday it will suspend development co-operation with vigeria and recall its head of delegation in protest at the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other minority rights ac-

The Commission, the European Union's executive body, also said it will propose tightening restrictive measures already imposed on Nigeria's military regime.

Its decision to recall its head of delegation, which represents the European Union as an organisation, follows a move by

the Union's 15 individual member states on Saturday to pull their ambassadors out of

A Commission spokeswoman said that in a five-year programme ending this year, Nigeria was set to receive 365m ecus (£303m) in development aid via the Lomé Convention, an aid and trade agreement between the EU and African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

There was also a 173m ecus programme for aid and loans via the European Development Fund and the European In-

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# Europe ducks the tough questions

SARAH HELM

Mounting confusion on how Europe should plan its future, and doubts about giving more power to Brussels, will be high-lighted this week in the report of a high-level study group charged with setting the agen-

da for reform.

Britain will take comfort from the group's report, which offers little provocation to Conservative Euro-sceptics, making no firm proposals which would immediately threaten the major issues and takes us no

British veto or reduce the powers of national parliaments. While exploring ideas for radical change, the report acknowledges the reservations of Britain, as well as other countries, and makes no attempt to recommend the way forward.

While John Major heaves a sigh of relief, however, the report will come as a major disappointment to those who hoped it would trigger serious debate at last about fundamental reform. "It is tortuous and confused. It ducks all the

further forward," said a senior official who scrutinised the final draft at the weekend. The so-called "reflection group" of EU ministers, established to shape an agenda for next year's inter-governmental conference, started its work at Messina in June with ambitious plans to build a more workable and effective form of European government. The group was charged with preparing outline plans for the enlargement of the union from 15 to up to 30

member states. The group's re-

port, to be presented formally

tomorrow, was to have provid-ed crucial guidance for heads of state, who are due to finalise plans for the IGC when they meet in Madrid in December. Instead, the report may simply fuel confusion.

After nine meetings, involving 40 hours of discussion, the group appears to have been overwhelmed by the sheer complexity of its task, and cowed by the the wave of scepticism about European integration which has spread beyond Britain to several other member states in recent months. The Franco-

tionally drives forward Europe's reforming engine, has been markedly silent in recent months. Jacques Chirac, the French President, has failed to take any bold lead on Europe's future. In Germany doubts have mounted steadily over whether the mark should be replaced by a weaker European single currency, and Bonn no longer seems to be insisting so forcefully that monetary union must go hand in hand with radical

new steps towards political

union. And the European

Commission has abandoned the zeal for which it became famous under Jacques Delors, playing a cautious role under

Jacques Santer.

The report, drawn up by Carlos Westendorp, the group's Spanish chairman, makes little attempt to open new vision. It ducks decisions on all the major reform questions. The key question of how to extend qualified majority voting in order to speed up decision-making is addressed, and a number of options set out. However, no con-

Britain's objection to any ex-tension of majority voting is carefully acknowledged. Throughout meetings, David Davis, the Foreign Office minister representing Britain, has insisted that the report should not prejudice next year's negotiations, and he seems to have

achieved his aim. The report hedges its bets on how to improve the EU's decision-making in foreign and defence policy, where failures of EU policy in former Yugoslavia are being highlighted today by the apparent progress of the



tion that the EU shor a heavyweight to reper foreign policy questic front, is addressed.

# Chaos as Algeria votes in France

MARY DEJEVSKY

There was chaos over the weekend as thousands of Algerians vote in their country's presi-dential election. The election, which takes place in Algeria on Thursday, offers a choice of candidates - four - for the first time since Algeria became independent in 1962, but because of an opposition boyeott, the turnout

is regarded as crucial. ic Salvation Front (FIS) have re- ed for three hours while secufused to take part, seeing the vote as an attempt by the military-backed regime to gain legitimacy following the cancelled In France, however, where there are more than 630,000 Algerian voters - many are dual nationals - participation appeared to be high.

In central Paris, queues start-ed to form outside the conextraordinary sight of the vast

de la Grande Armée, completely empty of people and traffic in preparation for the Armistice Day ceremonies, and to one side, a dense and noisy living in France turned out to crush of would-be Algerian voters, several thousand strong, waiting impatiently under the

watchful eye of the riot police.
These scenes were repeated at many of the 22 other voting centres across France. In Marseilles and Lyons, dozens of people were injured or fainted in the crush. In Nice, order broke Seven parties and the Islam- down and voting was suspendrity was reinforced. In Lille, consular officials and the Red Cross distributed mineral water.

Most voters were middleparliamentary elections of 1991. aged and elderly men, but there was a smattering of younger people, some of whom went away in disgust at the poor organisation. The average waiting time in Paris was five hours.

planned to spread the voting in sulate-general, in a side street close to the Arc de Triomphe, weeks ago the French authoriat ham. By 9.30, there was the ties summarily reduced the number of days to three, citing expanse of the Champs-Elysees and its continuation, the Avenue recent bomb attacks for which

the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) has claimed responsibility. The next, and last, day for voting in France is Thursday. Since the fracas last month

over President Jacques Chirac's cancelled meeting with President Liamine Zeroual of Alge-ria at the UN, France has taken a detached approach to the election. All campaigning in France was banned, and publicity was limited to emigré newspapers, radio stations and Algerian satellite television.

Algeria's consul-general in Paris, Zourir Messani, said his first thought on seeing so many people was "joy that so many people wanted to vote, but how are we going to cope?"

He said that there had been "eight months of work", but no organised mobilisation in the form of transport to polling

ine in Paris was five hours. He thought that many Alge-It had originally been rians had decided to vote not lanned to spread the voting in only to exercise their right for the first time, but to show French people, shocked by the bombs, that Algerians were



"law-abiding people who respected the democratic process".

Count up: Atlantis lifting off from the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida, with the clock showing the space shuttle is seconds into its flight. The crew hopes to dock with the Russian Mir space station

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# General ready to put fear of God into Guatemala

PHIL DAVISON

Few lands have been ruled by "el General", everybody knows it is Efrain Rios Monti.

Only a dozen years after the general-cum-born-again-evanof hundreds of highland villages and the massacre of thousands of Indian peasants, he is billing himself as the turbulent Central American nation's saviour.

Guatemala's constitution barred the 69-year-old general from running for president in vesterday's elections. But the man who seized power from another general in 1982 was never one to let a little inconvenience like the constitution get in his way. So he ran yesterday in a kind of virtual reality, as a ghost candidate for his Guatemalan Republican Front (FRG) behind a hand-picked front-man, a lawyer called Alfonso Portillo. In case anvone was in doubt, the general addressed most campaign rallies; the party's slogan was "Portillo for President, Rios Montt for

Mr Portillo looked likely to finish a distant second in the first round of voting behind Alvaro Arzu of the National Advancement Party (PAN). But Mr Arzu did not look like receiving the necessary 50 per cent of the vote to avoid a two-man run-off on 7 January. With the other 17 candidates eliminated sentenced to death for common

ot ms rei a frightening thought. "Why are people like this running free when they were the ones who killed and persecuted us?" a logelist presided over the burning cal church worker asked. He said seven members of his



Rios Montt: Seeking power

family were killed in a nearby 1982 massacre after the general seized power.

At the time, General Rios Montt's image was a cross be-tween Billy Graham and Attila the Hun. He had been trained in the US in counter-insurgency techniques, military intelligence interrogation and psychological warfare, knowl-

edge he put to good use. Not even Pope John Paul was able to sway him. During a 1983 visit here, the Pope appealed for clemency for five prisoners of the country's problems.

and campaigning redirected, crimes. The general's response the general's party is seen as was to put the men in front of having a chance in the run-off.

For those who lived to tell the left. While winning President from deep snow yesterday. casing military-linked "death squad" murders in the capital, General Rios Montt stepped up his predecessor's "scorched earth" policy in the jungle highlands. Human rights workers estimate 440 villages were burned down, up to 75,000 Mayan Indians were "disappeared" and 150,000 fled to Mexico during

his 17-month reign. All in the name of God. Blaming a Marxist guerrilla insurrection, the general said he was on a crusade against atheism and communism. It was his evangelical fanaticism in a mostly Catholic country, rather than his butchery, that led his own Defence Minister, General Oscar Mejia Victores, to overthrow him in August 1983.

When he tried to register as a presidential candidate this year, he was rejected under a constitutional article barring past coup leaders. A judge ordered him jailed for violating the constitution but he was allowed to remain free on bail. He then nominated his wife, Teresa, but she, too, was rejected. That was when Mr Portillo surfaced. He sprinkled his campaign speeches with biblical imagery, telling Indian peasants that divorce, adultery and a lack of lear of God were at the root

# amid kille avalanches

Kathmandu (Reuter) teenage Nepali boy given m for 24 hours and was mi

cue officials said. Forty-three people w killed in weekend avalan and landslides in the Himsk country, including 17 foreign 13 Japanese, an Irish wor

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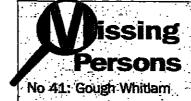
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# Republican with a king-size grudge

To the baby-boom generation, Gough Whitlam was an Australian hero. When he led the Labor Party to power in 1972, many saw it as the dawn of a new era. After 23 years of steady but stuffy government by the conservative Liberal-National coalition, Mr Whitlam promised to take Australia into the 20th century on a rollercoaster ride of political reforms.

Divorce and immigration laws were liberalised, military conscription was abolished. noney was poured into film. dance, opera and other cultural activities, university fees were abolished, British (or "Imperial") honours were replaced by Australian orders and archaic constitutional links with Britain vere severed.

While Mr Whitlam carved out a new independent stance for Australia on the international scene, his ministers be-



The worst was the "loans crisis", a naive bid to borrow billions of Arab "petro-dollars" to develop Australia's vast natural resources. The episode unnerved the business community and provided the trigger for the opposition, led by Malcolm Fraser, to push Mr Whitlam from power by using their majority in the Senate to deny the

government its money supply. The drama came to a climax on 11 November 1975 when Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, used his "reserve" powers to sack Mr Whitlam and install Mr Fraser as caretaker prime



minister pending elections, which Mr Fraser won. Although the rest of the world has forgotten about Mr Whitlam, his influence in Australia remains considerable. He continues to travel and give speeches. He was on television the other night, at 79 as acer-bic as ever, offering his own ver-sion of the 1975 trauma. Mr

Whitlam has never forgiven Sir John for failing to warn the Prime Minister that dismissal was likely unless the political deadlock was broken.

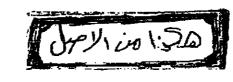
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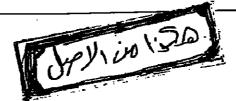
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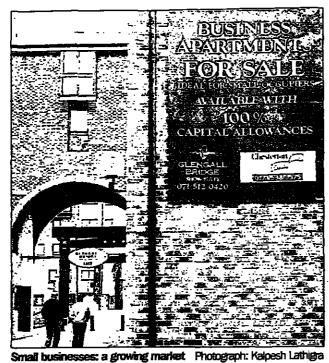
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# The rapid rise of the SoHo market

Steve Homer introduces this four-page special report on the small office/home office



Accurate figures for the SoHo (small office/home office) market are hard to come by. According to a survey carried out for electronics manufacturer Sharp last year, the SoHo sector is made up of 2.5 million small businesses, home businesses and home workers. The survey, conducted by NOP, found that 1.5 million small businesses (One-20 employees), 750,000 home businesses and 250,000 individuals were working at home on behalf of their employer. Sharp believes these figures are rather conservative and many esti-mates put them as much higher.

What is not questioned is that the two fastest growing sectors of the PC market at the moment are the home market and the small business market. IDC says that the UK small office sector (that is under 10 employees) will grow at 10.3 per cent annually between 1994

and 1999 while the remainder of the market will grow at only 6.3 per cent.

But amazingly, small businesses are still reluctant to embrace the most important enabling technologies of the late 20th century - the computer, the computer network and electronic communications. According to research by computer company Compaq, one in five companies still have no PCs and while most of these tend to be smaller firms, nearly one in five of the firms without PCs employ between 10 and 50 people. Even with the vastly reduced cost of a PC capable of word processing, electronic mail and all of the many basic activities. of the companies employing over 10 people who responded to the survey, 11 per cent still only had one PC!

Given all the hype about the internet and electronic mail.

Compaq reports less than one in 10 small businesses use their PCs for electronic communications. And given the huge advantages that networking brings it is equally surprising that more than half of the sses with more than one PC are not networked.

But what makes these low figures such depressing reading is that modern technology is such an unexpected enabler. Businesses are missing out on opportunities to be more effective and efficient. The survey bears this out. Almost all respondents reported wider than expected use of their PCs following purchase. But the SoHo market is

about much more than just computers. There are the printers, faxes, phones, copiers and so on. Slowly, very slowly in fact, manufacturers have become aware of this sector and its special needs. One of the key

factors of the SoHo market is that most small and home offices have very limited space. But, amazingly, few companies seem to have realised this. For example, it is only in the last year Or 50 that printers really suited to the SoHo sector have appeared. We are still waiting to see sensible computers and monitors which are designed with more thought for optimum

But the pressure to push the SoHo market forward continues. More and more companies are expecting people to work from home at least some of the time. More and more businesses are starting up and all of these start off as small concerns. And the disadvantages of having a separate small office are decreas

desk space usage.

Sophisticated electronic communications like Lotus Notes and other forms of closely defined electronic information interchange mean companies can quickly synchronise their efforts to an appreciably deep level. And the improvements in mobile and fixed communications mean more opportunities for the flexible small business.

What is more, new companies are spotting the impor-tance of the SoHo sector and are pitching products and services at it. For example, Energis, the telecom operator, recently launched a range of services specifically aimed at the home office.

But with all this whizz-bang technology and a buoyant economic sector there are still problems. The obvious ones are to do with isolation and trying to make a business work in a setting which is less than ideal. Many small businesses start off with not only the wrong computer but the wrong desk and especially the wrong chairs!

But users still need to become more mature in their outlook. One of the surprising features in the Compaq survey was the way different factors were given importance. When asked what were the most important considerations inselecting a PC, value for money was unsurprisingly tops, then came quality and reliability, then ease of use, then capabil ities, then price and, only sixth service and support. This flies in the face of experience. For any business that usei computers, they rapidly become an indispensable tool. But computers are machines built

inevitably go wrong.

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# It's good to talk before you buy a phone

With the sophistication of today's telephone system, there really is no excuse for you not to have efficient telephone communications no matter how small your company is.

To start at the very bottom of the pile, the telephone itself. You are now faced with a bewildering choice of telephones. Just a few years ago BT was the sole supplier of telephone equipment, but now you can buy the whole array from hundreds of suppliers and dozens of outlets. And, of course, there is the mobile phone or, particularly useful in a home office, the

cordless phone. It pays to shop around for your actual telephone, not so much to save yourself a little money, after all most phones will last you several years and cost nothing compared to the actual phone bills. No, it is good to ook around because the incredible mix of features means that you are likely to find one that suits you down to the ground. free phone with a good number

of instant dial memories. As well as the piece of equipment on the desk you also need a phone line or lines. These days you can choose between the cable TV companies and BT. In most cases the cable companies will be margin-ally cheaper but check carefully. Where BT is nearly always more expensive is on installation of new lines, but with a bit of pushing it can sometimes find ways of installing a phone on an existing line where charges are comparable or cheaper than the cable companies. Importantly, BT also offers some impressive discounts for high volume users and may offer services that the cable companies cannot match. However, be warned, while

BT is now quite efficient at repairing damaged lines, it is simply appalling at giving advice to small businesses. This gets even worse if you plan to use a residential line for business. Residential lines are cheaper and the level of service is good enough for most small busienough for most small busi-nesses. The only concrete benefit of a business line is an entry in the Yellow Pages direc-tory. But this can be a major advantage for some types of business and should not be lightly dismissed. However, even though, according to BT, two-thirds of all home-based businesses use residential lines businesses use residential lines, BT still fails to offer sensible advice to people trying to set up the appropriate discounts and options on a residential line.

And there are now dozens of

options. The basic services offered on nearly all exchanges mean that you can provide a secure presence even when you are not there. Both BT and most of the cable companies offer services like "call-waiting" and "call-divert". These mean that a single person is capable of answering more than one call. With call-waiting the caller hears an announcement and the person being called hears a little "bip" in their telephone and can switch between calls.

Another solution that a lot of people find more convenient is to have two lines and divert to the other line while you are already on a call. The advantage with this is that the person on the first call is aware that you have another call and you can take down details and call the other person back or, if the call is urgent, then you can take the new call.

This is just the beginnings of what sophisticated modern telephone exchanges can do. Several of the cable companies and, more recently BT, offer "voice-mail" facilities on their network. This service is like a very fancy answerphone that is easily controllable from a telephone pretty much anywhere in the world. You can change your message, answer several calls at once (if you needed to) and can, with some systems, divert your calls to any tele-

phone of your choice.

As your company grows you can either purchase a private branch exchange (PBX) or you can use modern facilities offered by most digital telephone exchanges which will give you apparent PBX facilities but using the telephone company's telephone exchange. This can be ideal for small businesses. For example, you can forward a call to a colleague, just as you would with a PBX, but that colleague can be miles away working from home. Alternatively, a call can be a colleague if you are already engaged on a call. All the flex-ibility of a PBX but spread over the whole country. For example five people working in a lose confederation can have one phone number between them ust as if they all worked from

the same business premises.
Three final business solutions offered by the telephone operators. If your business involves sending a lot of data over the telephone line, for example you are a graphic designer or you regularly send large data files to other companies or you are thinking of using video conferencing, then you should really investigate ISDN. This is a digital telephone service. Calls are charged at normal BT rates but the installation charges are astronomical and you have to purchase special equipment to even connect your ordinary phones, but ISDN is worth

investigating.

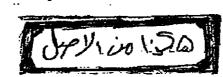
Secondly, if you spend more than a couple of hours a day communicating between two sites it may be worth you purchasing a leased-line facility either from BT or your local

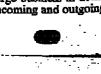
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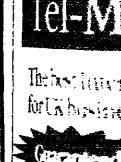
Finally, if you provide a service to the public, it is worth investigating the low tariff and Freefone services. Not only do they encourage business, but the providers will furnish you with a lot of useful marketing information and can help you distribute calls at busy times.

But there is a whole other side to using your phone system effectively: the integration of your telephone and computer systems. At the very least, this can be automatic dialling soft-ware that will use your modern to dial telephone numbers for you direct from a database, but more sophisticated solutions such as a call-queuing system can make sense even for sole traders if they use the telephone a lot. For example, I have been using a system called "callbox" for over five years now. It is not the latest technology but it still stores my telephone numbers, reminds me when I need to make a call and then dials it for me at the touch of a single key.

Modern telephone systems with their flexibility, enhanced functionality and improved ease of use allow the single trader, the three employee company and the 25-person concern to be just as professional as any large business in dealing with incoming and outgoing calls.







# THE SMALL OFFICE

# Complimentary computers

Windows 95, computing power has never been cheaper and PCs have never been easier to use. For that reason, there's no reason not to choose a Windows 95 PC for a small or home office, but we'll also look at what's available for a restricted budget.

Always choose your application first, because different applications can require

specialised types of hardware. The most likely tasks you'll want a PC to perform are word processing, followed by some spreadsheet and database work. For this, the kind of PC you can buy for between £1000 and £1500 will do the job fine. There are only two types worth considering, the 486 and its successor the Pentium.

Memory size has a much bigger effect on performance than most people realise: extra memory is the most cost-effective performance upgrade you can buy. A £1500 PC will probably contain an Intel 75MHz Pentium with 8Mb of memory and 500Mb or more hard disk space. That will run most word processors happily, provided you don't want to run Windows 95 with more than one major program at the same time. If you need live information from your spreadsheet or database to appear in your word processor, you'll want at least two programs in memory at once. Eight megabytes then looks restrictive and you should

consider upgrading to 16Mb. If you're running Windows 95, it makes more sense for the hudget-conscious to buy a slower and cheaper processor Manek Dubash shops around for the best small business PCs



Hard choice: potential computer buyers can be baffled by the vast choice on offer

but with more memory. You can pick up a PC with a 100MHz DX4, or a 60MHz or 66MHz Pentium, plus 16Mb of memory for well under £1500. For £2000 you can get a faster CPU with at least 16Mb of memory. This route is recommended because over the next year, programs written especially for Windows 95 will start to push Windows 3.11 programs

off the dealers' shelves, and

they will need more memory. If you do decide to stick with Windows 3.11 for the time being, you can get a rock-bottom specification PC (486DX2/66 with 4Mb RAM)

for well under £1000. If a PC is to be used at home by other members of the family, then get one with sound and a CD-ROM drive already built in, as adding such items afterwards is a pain. For normal business applications sound capabilities remain a luxury. Consider getting a larger monitor as it can ease the

strain of using a computer for long periods of time and also makes higher resolutions practical. A higher resolution means more information is displayed on the screen. Deciding if you need a

network depends on how much you share information, such as view of the hard disks in other machines on the network.

Notebook PCs are close to becoming complete replacements for desktop PCs. If your work involves going out to meet people or if you work a lot at home and at the office, then a notebook, which can cost as little as £1500, is invaluable.

When buying, check that it has a dual-scan colour screen - that means you won't find the cursor disappears when you move it. A bigger budget should bring you a thin film transistor (TFT) display which looks brighter, has more contrast, but alas, uses more battery power. The answer, make sure that the battery is the more modern nickel-metal-hydride or lithium-ion versions.

Almost all have slots for those credit card-sized PC Card plug-in modems, so that you can move information around using the phone system. Hard disks in notebooks tend to be smaller, but there's little reason now to settle for less than 400Mb, and by using disk compression software this can be almost doubled. However, travelling on the mainland brings its own complications: you'll need a mains adaptor and at least one phone cable adaptor for your modem.

If you've got a network, there are a number of combination modems and network adaptor PC Cards available which will allow you to connect directly into the office network. Problems can arise from these products' tendencies to require lots of memory, but Windows 95 can alleviate this as it uses memory more intelligently.

A guide around the suite shops

MANEK DUBASH

With the correct application the PC can become as valuable and almost as easy to use as your right hand. Without it, the machine becomes a source of frustration and you lose much of the benefit of that expensive investment.

Choosing software in today's crowded market might seem tough. However, it is clear that in a small or home office you are best served by looking at the general purpose business application market. Not only is that where the top software vendors are concentrating their efforts. which brings you benefits in terms of technical excellence and software that's easy to use. but also you will be able to

exchange files with others easily. Most business application software these days - we're talking about word processors, spreadsheets, databases, presentation graphics and personal organisers - is sold in suites. These are bundles of applications with software to make it simpler to switch between one application and another. You can still buy the programs separately, but it's hardly worth it.

For instance, a leading suite sells for about £330, while each of the five applications in that box sells separately for only about £100 less. Note that upgrades are even cheaper, but you need to have bought one of the applications already to qualify. Though designed to entice you to carry on using the same vendor's products, software vendors occasionally offer a deal under which you can move from a competitor's product line to another's at little or even no cost.

the best suites are sold by Microsoft, Novell and Lotus and the best way to make a choice between them is to decide which mix of programs suits you. Microsoft's Office is the most popular and includes Word, the spreadsheet Excel, plus scheduling, presentation graphics and project management software. Novell's PerfectOffice presents you with WordPerfect, a spreadsheet, a presentation graphics package, a personal organiser, and a document publishing tool, while the almost identical Lotus SmartSuite, includes Lotus 1-

The top-selling and probably

with a document publisher. Only 95-specific product, but that's due in December or January.

You'd feel comfortable with most of these products, so another way of choosing is to pick one that fits best with products that others use. That's oecause it's a nuisance at best to have to change formats when you're sharing word processing and other documents and if your work extends to presentation, then it can be impossible to move freely from one file

format to another. Word processing is the most important application for most users. Few people will utilise more than 10 per cent of a word processor's features. All allow you to write and edit words and print them out looking almost exactly as they do on the screen. More specialised features allow you to both write and lay out books including automatic content and index generation. to design leaflets and booklets and to manage tabular infor-mation. Lotus WordPro and WordPerfect major in long documents such as books, while Microsoft Word is strongly marketed as smart software. That is software which watches what you're doing and flags what it thinks is an error. Word-Perfect also includes linguistic rules which makes more appropriate choices when searching and replacing forms of words. especially verbs and nouns.

Spreadsheets are likely to be another crucial factor. They are most often used for managing lists of information rather than helping accountants add up vasi tables of numbers and can be more useful in the long term in helping to manage the financial side of the business. All now have comprehensive presentational capabilities so they will, for instance, print your invoices using information held in another spreadsheet. You can graph the profit and loss, project forwards and calculate depreciation on equipment and that's just a small taste of what the spreadsheet can do.

Suites are a good way of getting a lot of software for relatively little, but beware that you could fill up to 100Mb of disk space if you install a whole suite. But the advantages are that you get all the software you're likely to need, at least to start with. and that it's designed to work

# How to reach the world by sitting at your desk

STEVE HOMER

For the small business the internet and on-line services are invaluable tools. The internet is a giant spiralling network of computers each talking to each other. The most easy to understand facet of the internet is electronic mail. If I want to send an electronic message to a friend of mine in Germany I type it in on my computer and then use a modem to connect to a remote computer system. I send the message up to this system and it does the rest.

Incredibly, this costs not one penny over the internet. You do

local computer service and with some on-line service providers such as Compuserve you are charged for each mail you send, but the actual transmission across the internet is

absolutely free. Now it need not be just short notes you are sending to people. You can send computer programs, photographic images, databases, artwork whatever. Anything you can store on a computer you can send over the internet. But there is much more to

the on-line world and the internet than just e-mail. Probably the most important facet there, from credit information to on-line newspapers.

Many people also like the sense of community of an online service. CIX is a popular UK-based system where you can seek information on everything from your accounts to vegetarian restaurants, Another popular service is Compuserve and a newer arrival is the Microsoft Network. This should be a major force in the future, but still looks a little ill-formed and is only accessible if you have Windows 95 installed.

All of these services now provide access to the internet

is the information stored out can not only use e-mail but that you can also access remote computers directly and access pages on the World Wide Web.

Few normal businesses will want to download files, but many will want access to the WWW. The Web is a massive collection of interlinked information that spans the globe. It covers literally every topic under the sun. Each Web page has pointers

either to other parts of the information stored on that computer or on other. computers. The interest of the Web to small businesses are twofold. Firstly, the Web is

becoming a centre of commerce. Secondly, it is a business opportunity, but this

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your accounts files or perhaps

a shared database of informa-

tion containing contact details.

Initial hardware costs can be

surprisingly low. The minimum is a network card and cable for

each PC and a hub into which

to plug the cables. For about

£100 per PC, you can be up and running within an hour or two.

Both Windows 3.11 and

Windows 95 support this kind of networking. The result is a

should not be over-estimated. Any business can set up what is known as a home page. This is the introduction to your own Web world. Here you can promote your company. .

Creating a Web site is now very easy. There are half a dozen, comparatively easy to use Web authoring tools on the market and many internet service providers such as Pipex and Demon will sell you space on their computers very cheaply and help you manage your

One important point to remember is that once you have set up your Web site it has to be managed properly. All too many small company Web sites become out of date the day after they are set up.

Someone will have to dedicate time to managing the Web site and if it is important to your business you may consider getting a Web site management company to look after it for

The internet should be a great tool for the small business person. A company employing five people can have just as effective a Web presence as a



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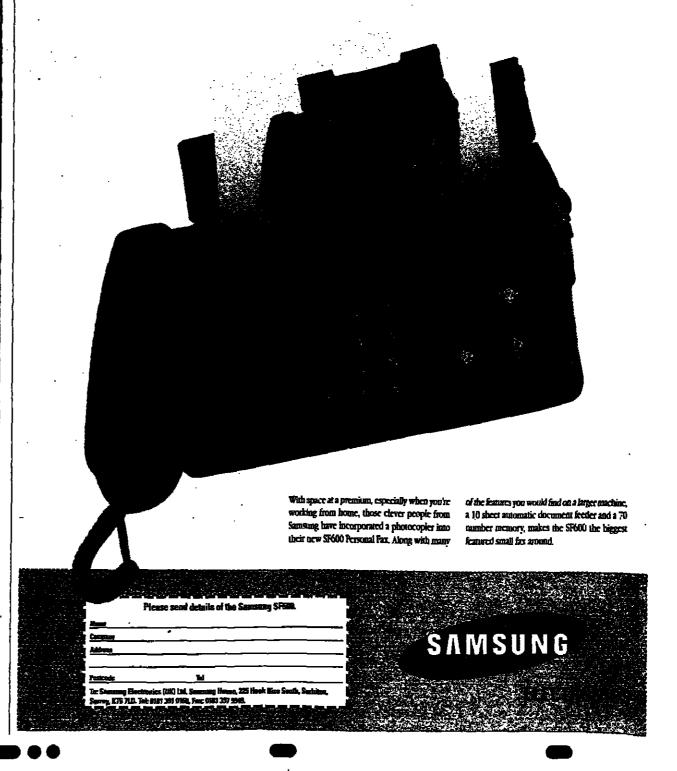
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# Picking up extra costs with upgrade

The small business considering moving to Windows 95 from Windows 3.11 or Windows for Workgroups would be well advised to consider the ramifications such a move will actually entail.

To begin with, while an earlier Windows system will run adequately on 8 Megabytes of RAM (Random Access Memory), Windows 95 in the same amount of memory slows the whole computer down. Users with this sort of configuration report massive increases in hard disk activity as Windows 95 uses up all the physical memory and is reduced to simulating it with virtual memory. This is supplied by converting space on the hard disk, usually used for permanent storage of programs and data, into memory that Windows 95 can treat as real. The end result is a much slower rate of progress through tasks, since virtual memory is much less capable than real on-chip memory. This implies a need to increase the memory complement of the target computer to an absolute minimum of 12Mb, with 16Mb being the preferred entry level for Windows 95.

Secondly, there is the ques-tion of software. Although the applications in Microsoft Office

**David Dorn** advises caution for those thinking of Windows 95

for Windows 95 are highly desirable, the chances are that the applications currently running under Windows and Windows for Workgroups aiready do what their users want. The old adage "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" seems particularly appropriate here. The advantages of running what in some quarters are being referred to already as "legacy software" under Microsoft's new operating system are

Software written for Windows 3.11 runs more slowly under Windows 95. Therefore, in order to see any speed gains (and therefore productivity), the new breed of 32 bit, Windows 95-specific applica-tions may need to be installed, which obviously adds to the overall cost.

The final consideration is the time element. If a small business relies on a network, then

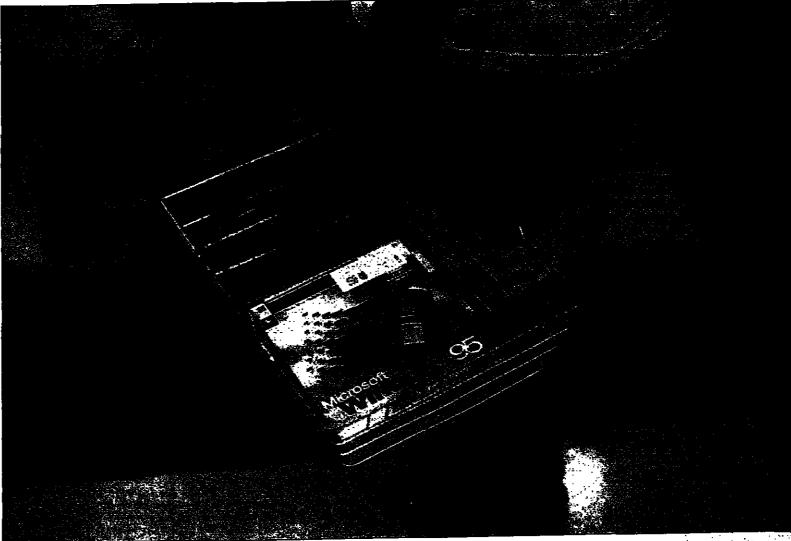
upgrade every machine on that network that currently runs Windows for Workgroups to Windows 95 in one fell swoop. Windows 95's networking, although similar in application (at the operating system level) to Windows for Workgroups, has a somewhat lifferent and better concept to the way the user actually utilises it - the Network Neigh-

pontpood. Because of this, and even though the two operating systems will co-exist on the network and work together, a gradual upgrade of all the machines on the network doesn't make much sense. So, some time has to be set aside. to upgrade each machine.

If at least one machine on the network is blessed with a CD ROM drive, upgrade times minutes and two hours. On a 20 machine network, it is going to take two days to do the job properly.

A complete change of oper-ating system inevitably causes some kind of upset. In this case, however, the three major factors each have a price.

In the case of RAM, there may be a cost factor of between £200 and £400 per machine.



Picking up a bargain? With Windows 95, purchasers may have to spend as much as £600 extra to reap the benefits

The software upgrades, although not strictly de rigeur. can cost anything from £300 to £600 per machine. At best, then, without allowing for lost productivity while the upgrade is being carried out, the cost of upgrading a single machine to

drop accordingly, but a 20-station network will still have Windows 95, assuming that it needs a RAM upgrade and its a price tag of around £12,000 user moves to 32 bit Windows to upgrade. 95 applications, will vary between £600 and £1000.

unless there is a pressing need Since memory prices are set to move to Windows 95 specific to drop over the next six months, that price range will

In the short term, then,

productivity due to insufficient memory errors being reported when two or more large applications are opened under Windows 3.11) the small business is unlikely to gain much by moving to Windows 95. As memory prices drop and as

more competitive upgrade offers are made by applications. vendors with product to sell the cost of upgrading will fail and the upgrade process will become cheaper and easier. The best advice for the

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# Modems now part of the office furniture

TONY DENNIS

Once regarded as something of a luxury, modems have now become part of the furniture in personal computer terms. Owning one is currently no more unusual than possessing a CD ROM drive or PC sound

This is because the humble modem offers the average computer user the most convenient means of transferring a computer file from point A to point B. Better still the two computers involved don't even need to be of similar makes or types. Hence it is entirely possible to send a text file created on an IBM PC compatible running Microsoft Windows to a radically different computer such as an Apple Macintosh. All this transfer process requires is for the computer to be equipped with a program which makes it answer incoming calls. In reality most modem communication packages have a "host" or bulletin board facility so if you

care to dig deeply enough into the manual you can usually make the modem answer the Although LANs [Local Area

Networks - networks which connect computers together in the office - are relatively commonplace, the use of modems to provide dial-in access to these LANs is regarded as something of a new development. Luckily access to the office LAN by modem isn't too difficult a task to achieve. Both Apple and Microsoft have decided to build the ability to receive communications remotely by modem (rather than locally by Ethernet/Token Ring network card) into their respective oper-

ating system software.
This dial-in modem facility is often referred to as remote-LAN access. It means a PC user at home can gain access to the office network, then send files to the office laser printer; check on pending electronic mail and examine database records - all over an ordinary telephone line. There's no need for expensive (leased) lines to be

The down side is that picking the right modern for your actual needs isn't necessarily easy. For example, if you possess one. of the latest portable/notebook-sized computers you would be very wise to consider one of the latest PCMCIA/PC Card style moderns which tucks. away neatly inside the portable PC. Provided that the PC has a PCMCIA compatible slot, of

Those who are considering changing their computer in the near future are best advised to go for a free-standing desktop: modem rather than an internal modern card. With the free standing approach the modem can still be used, even if you decide to swap from the Macintosh to a PC. Alternatively, it you have little deskspace, then a card which tucks away neatly inside the computer itself would

# Getting the message, whatever type it is

TONY DENNIS

In order to give modem users even better value for money, manufacturers began to build support for fax communications into their modems.

The SoHo worker is actually faced with a bewildering choice of products when it comes to acquiring a fax capability. With only light fax traffic the prime motivation is to permit a single telephone line to be utilised for normal voice communications as well as for

This raises the question of what you put on the end of the line to answer incoming calls. Take a trip down London's Tottenham Court Road and you'll find all manner of devices which claim they can answer incoming calls and send faxes to the fax machine and messages to the answering

In truth, by the time you've paid out for a fax switch which actually does this, you might as well have rented an extra telephone line.

A more plausible solution

promoted by the likes of Amstrad is a fax machine with built in telephone answering machine. However, most people prefer to use an existing, more fully-featured answering machine rather than a cut-down version fitted inside the fax.

So rival fax machine suppliers like Samsung provide a facility which allows an answering machine to be attached the fax machine. When the

phone rings, if no incoming fax call is detected, then the Samsung starts the answering

Still, fax machines cost over

£100 whereas for less than that you can buy a modem which handles both fax and data.

box. It allows computer users to receive faxes and have them print straight out of a Hewlett Better still the vast majority of fax modems are supplied together with free suitable software - although Apple Macintosh owners have to

hunt a little harder for this. . Most fax-modem owners therefore find there is no need for an expensive speech/fax switch since most of the time they know when to expect a fax. To receive a fax is a simple matter of running the fax software and plugging the modem into the BT socket and waiting. Sending faxes is just as easy since the fax modem sends what is on your screen to the fax machine, without the need for printing it out first.

This is effective until you comments on a document. It is possible to do this on the computer with a Paint program, but such things involve a great deal of work.

The better alternative is to purchase a scanner which enables you to feed a printed/scribbled upon document back into the computer and send it via the fax modem. Enter the Scanfx from Plustek. This is designed deliberately to let you scan in documents and then utilise your other

computer equipment.

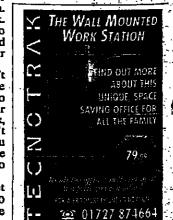
With the Scanfx you don't need a plain paper fax machine because anything you want to print comes out via your laser printer. Better still with Scanfx, your fax machine doesn't become outdated since you can take advantage of the latest fax speeds built into the fax modem.

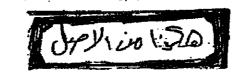
An alternative is the Paxiet from Fujitsu which is akin to a fax modem in its own little

print straight out of a Hewlett Packard Laserjet compatible printer without the computer even needing to be turned on. It reassures those who don't like leaving their computer turned on overnight, but it is

not possible to scan in docu-

ments with it. There are a few far machines which link directly to personal computers and this area Wordcraft's LaserFax soft ware has built quite a niche for itself. However, the really big breakthrough comes from modems which combine all three functions: modem, fax and answering machine. In effect, these products use the computer's hard disk for storing voice messages instead want to scribble some of putting them on magnetic tape. The early examples from the likes of Dataflex Design. Martignoni and US Robotic have a few rough edges which need ironing out. Nevertheless with a three-in-one you don't need to worry, as it can store whatever type of message is sent to you.





burden

It's not all a bed of roses working from home you know. Just as everybody is deciding to

start, after seven years, I decided to stop.

About three months ago I moved into a nice little office in the middle of the bustling West End of London. And there are plenty of small offices for £60-70 a week. I have to say taking on an outside office was one of the best decisions of my life.

One of the major motivators for me getting an office was to be closer to my friends and to be more able to nip off to press conferences which are usually held in Central London. Rule number one: working from home on your own can be very

lonely.

My new office, somewhat bizarrely, is in the Scala School of Wine (excellent wine courses for very reasonable fees by the way), and it is nice to see a friendly face when I come to work. If you have a family and are working from home then you will suffer from problems

Steve Homer decided after seven years of working from home that he had had enough

of interruption rather than loneliness. But if you are single,

My second problem with working from home was a very untidy flat. That is now sorted. I get around 30-40 pieces of post a day. When I was working from home and under pressure, paper used to spread around the flat. Piles of paper to do with various features, other piles for things I really should read. I used to have piles of paper in the kitchen, the sitting room, the bedroom and, god help me, even sometimes in the bathroom! Now I would not say I have the tidiest of offices, but at least 80 per cent of my flat

is under control. So be warned, if you have a lot of paper or other things coming in to a small office it is difficult for it not to spread.

The third problem was never being able to escape work. This was probably the most important factor for me. It is nice to be able to go to work and come home from it. If you work from home there is always

the temptation to try and do a

little bit more.

Often, as a not very self-disciplined worker, I would spend the whole weekend thinking I really should get on with some work but not getting any done. I would feel dissatisfied about not doing the work and would not enjoy the leisure. Now at least if I decide not to work, I don't. So watch out if you have the least difficulty in switching

Finally, working from home offers lots of distractions. The possibility of constant snacking and watching Neighbours to

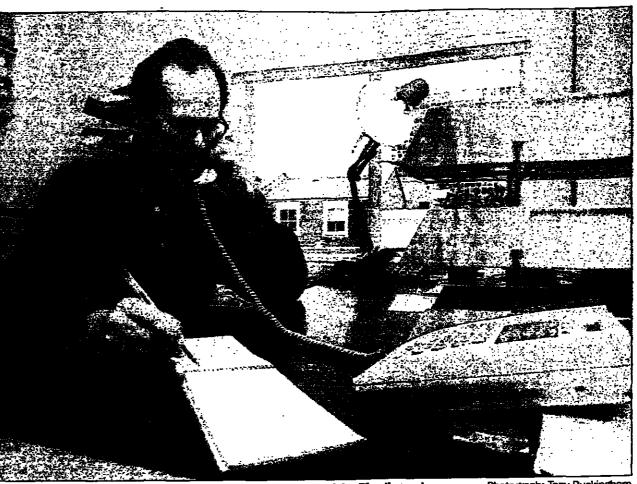
name but two. Since getting the office I now have no idea what has been happening in Ramsay Street for the last three months and have lost a stone in weight.

There is also one unexpected benefit in having the office. I can now take work home. This might sound daft, but it is not. Taking work home normally involves taking one specific job home and all the 101 things that press in on you at the office no longer need to be addressed. I have written half a dozen articles on portable computers

If this is the sort of working from home you intend then I am all for it. It is having your whole work experience at home I have concerns about.

I am sure that for some

people working from home is a godsend. Personally, I am happier and probably richer (I am more efficient here) by having my own little work place ing my home for the part of life that really matters



note: working from an office for Steve Homer has meant a tidier life all round.

Photograph: Tony Buckingham

# The extra burden of a life away from the office

It was Sir John Harvey-Jones who once memorably pointed out to a conference audience the downside to having an office at home: "My wife and I are having a drink at the end of the day and the fax starts to clatter. It's just next door and I can hear it bloody clattering... I'm quite incapable of not going and lifting up the corner of the piece of paper, and then I'm away again," he said.

Both computer and telecommunications technologies have developed to the stage where an increasing number of people are finding that they can do more of their work from a base at home. You don't necessarily have to be a full-time information can be processed or data manipulated almost as easily down a telephone line as through an office LAN.

But whilst it may be easy to do an occasional report on a lap-top perched on a dining table, anything much more than this demands the creation of a dedicated area of space which can serve as the homeoffice. As Sir John Harvey-Jones became aware, it's all too easy otherwise to find that work demands begin to encroach on valuable home-life.

According to the last census, about 1.2 million people work from their homes and whilst this includes some people engaged in traditional trades, it also reflects the growing number of informationcrunching teleworkers. The teleworking lifestyle can be a welcome alternative to the pressures of urban commuting, but there are a number of pitialls for the unwary. Having an office at home may raise unexpected issues of taxation, insurance and planning law.

The Inland Revenue moved earlier this year to amend the mortgage tax rules, in recognition, as it put it, that "it is becoming increasingly common for properties to be used both for residential and business purposes". It is now easier for accounting purposes to split a single morigage loan, in order to claim the interest component for the work part of the building as a fully deductible business expense. Given that mortgage tax relief is now only 15 per cent and is also subject to the £30,000-cap, this clearly can be advantageous to anyone who is self-employed and running their business from a home base. (Employees, unfortunately, cannot benefit directly.)

The Revenue's concession does, however, raise other issues. Firstly, a potential Capital Gains liability will arise on the business part of the property - although with the housing market so flat, it seems unlikely that this need be much of a concern at present. Anyone who converts part of their house too obviously into a place of work also runs the risk that their local authority will try to levy business rates, in addition to the Council Tax

payable. There may also be planning controls to consider. In general terms, planning permission for partial change of use is not normally necessary if the main use of a house remains as a family home and if nobody cise is employed there. The local planning authority is more

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likely to take an interest if you advertise your business externally or take on extra staff (such as receptionists or secre-taries), if trade vehicles are parked outside or if the neighbours begin to complain of a constant stream of visitors during working hours.

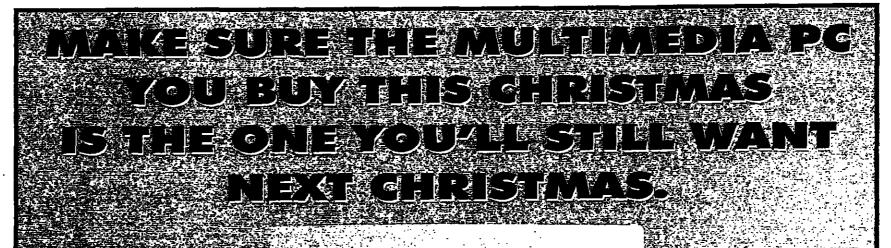
Whether or not you choose sion for relief on the business share of your mortgage interest. you are likely to find that the Inland Revenue will make you jump through an extra hoop when you first come to arrange the mortgage. The Telecottage Association, the main organisation representing Britain's home-based teleworkers, last month strongly criticised the Revenue for insisting that anyone using their home for work purposes must apply to their tax office for inclusion in the MIRAS (Mortgage Interest Relief at Source) scheme. rather than simply filling in the usual MRAS self-certification form. According to the Telecottage Association's Alan Denbigh, the procedure is unnecessary since the vast majority of home-based workers are eligible for MIRAS.

Working from a home office also has implications for insurance. Unfortunately, it is all too easy to forget to look at the small print of your insurance policy at the time when you install the PC, fax machine, laser printer or scanner.

In the past, some people have discovered only when they had to make a claim that their ordinary household contents policy did not cover equipment used for work purposes. This situation is changing. Increasingly insurers are becoming more willing to allow for changing patterns of work and some firms are now prepared to extend cover to include a limited amount of work equipment, either with or without increased premiums. However, there are still some firms who continue to decline to insure these risks in household contents policies. Whatever their attitude, all insurers will expect you to tell them if your home is also being used as

a workplace. Some people may prefer to play safe and take out one of the specialist insurance packages especially designed for home-based workers. Londonbased brokers Tolson Messenger, for example, has for the past three years been offering a "Home-Office Insurance" policy, underwritten by Commercial Union. The standard £120-premium includes covers for £7500 of business equipment and offers consequential-loss protection, for example for the costs incurred

after a burglary or fire. Other insurers who have made a pitch for this market include Torquay brokers Michael Pavey, Tredray and Co of Wokingham and Oxfordbased Mathews Comfort.



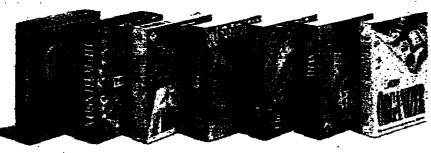


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# Eleanor Aller

It would be difficult to name a more versatile musician than the cellist Eleanor Aller. She took solo playing, string quartets, or-chestral playing, motion pictures and television all in her stride and excelled in every field. She once said: "You name it, I've done it! I've done rock and roll. And I loved every minute of it!' Aller was also the first woman to succeed as a musician in the Hollywood film-making industry, thus pioneering the way for future generations of female

Eleanor Aller was born in New York into a Russian émigré family where musicians had flourished for generations. Her father was a cellist who gave her her first lessons when she was nine, and within a year she had won a gold medal as first prize in a competition. At 12 she won another competition which earned her an appearance at Carnegie Hall. At 16 she was awarded a scholarship to the Juilliard School of Music to study with Felix Salmond, which she once described as "the most exhilarating experience" of her musical life. She regarded Salmond as one of the greatest musicians she had ever met, and of his teaching she said: "My father had given me a wonderful basic training so when I went to him I was already a cellist, but what Salmond did was to teach me to play musically."

On graduating she made a

number of tours as a soloist through the United States but her heart had been set on chamber music ever since, as a child, she would lie in bed listening to her family playing string quar-tets far into the night. So when she met the violinist Felix Slatkin – whom she married in 1939 - and discovered a kindred spirit, they played with friends on every tree evening. Sometimes they would perform for composers writing for the film industry, and on one of these occasions an executive from Warner Brothers was present. He said they needed a principal cellist for their studio orchestra and suggested she might

Jackie Mann had his time of glo-

ry 55 years ago, when he was a

Spittire pilot in the Battle of

Britain, but had fame thrust on

him by becoming one of the last

hostages to be freed in Beirut.

ment the RAF, with rare deli-

cacy, managed to combine time

and memory by arranging for a

Spitfire to fly overhead as Jack-

ie Mann emerged from the ane which brought him from

the forced freedom ceremonies

for the benefit of the Syrians in

Damascus to the real welcome

at the Lyneham air station in

the Battle of Britain, and was

shot down several times, on the

last occasion being seriously

burned. He became one of the

bodies were painfully and slow-

ly patched up by the great plas-

iic surgeon Sir Archibald

McIndoe, and attended meet-

ings of that dwindling band

whenever he could. For Jackie

Mann, those wartime days were

the highspot of his career. Be-

hind the bar he later managed

in Beirut he kept a book listing

the names of all those who

fought in the great air battle. If

someone boasted of having tak-

en part, Mann would look up

the book. "Can't find your

that would be the end of that

particular customer.

name here," he would say. And

"guinea-pigs", the fliers whose

Mann was a sergeant pilot in

Many will remember the mo-



Aller: 'You name it, I've done it'

audition for the job. She came through a week of very tough examination with flying colours and, at 19, was the youngest person ever to have held such a position - one she held for 36 years. In 1972 she moved on to 20th Century-Fox, where she

After his wartime service,

Mann joined Middle East Air-

lines, and eventually became

chief pilot of what was and still

is the best airline in the region.

He married Sunnie McWhirter,

who was the company's first air

hostess, and together they lived

the good life in pre-war Beirut

Club with the other English ex-

patriates, the London papers

at Smith's supermarket for Eng-

lish food. Jackie remained the

complete Englishman, hardly

noticing those among whom he

lived. In the 42 years he spent

in Beirut, he learned hardly a

word of Arabic, and disliked the

In other ways too, Jackie

Mann was stuck in time. When

Middle East Airlines convert-

ed its fleet from turbo-prop to

jet planes, he found difficulty in

making the transition. Eventu-

ally, he retired early. Then

came the time of the doldrums.

He managed two bars - the first,

frequented by journalists, he

took some pleasure in naming

the "Cock and Bull". From fly-

ing planes, he moved to talking

about them with the expatriate

pilots who still flew in and out

Gradually, the scene changed. In 1975 the civil war

in Lebanon began, and the

good life was over. The streets

became the battleground, in-

the scene

marvellous Lebanese food.

delivered a day late.

drinks at the St George's

Jackie Mann

was their principal cellist until

When Felix Slatkin was asked to form a string quartet with Joachim Chassman as second violin and the violist Paul Robyn, Aller was a natural choice for cellist, and they called themselves the Hollywood Quartet. When the three main members enlisted for military service in the Second World War, the group as it was disbanded.

On Felix Slatkin's demobilisation from the Air Corps in 1945, he formed another Hollywood Quartet with Paul Shore on second violin and gave a series of three public concerts which were sold out for every performance. A representative from Capitol Records attended one of these and immediately offered them a contract. From this time onwards their success was legendary. They not only made some of the finest recordings of the day but also gave concerts throughout the Unit-ed States, Canada, New Zealand and Europe, and made a highly successful British début at the Edinburgh Festival. Over the years they had many

interesting experiences, such as when Capitol wanted them to record Arnold Schoenberg's Verkläne Nacht in its original form, which entailed a private visit to play to the composer in Los Angeles. He interrupted them at every other bar, but after they had played for several hours in a temperature of 104F he finally approved, and offered them bourbon and doughnuts as refreshment. One of Aller's prize possessions was a photograph of Schoenberg which arrived two weeks later, autographed: "For the Hollywood String Quartet for play-ing my Verklärte Nucht with such subtle beauty." They are still the only quartet to have the original score with Schoenberg's signature, which is

otherwise unpublished. They were also the first quartet to record the William Walton String Quartet. When the composer visited the US much later, he told them he hoped no

flation made comfortable living

more difficult, and slowly the ex-

patriate community on which

Mann depended dwindled

away. When the hostage-taking

began almost all foreigners left

the country, but Jackie and his

wife, who had started a riding

stable, had no thought of going.

He was convinced he was safe,

because, he said, everyone knew

he had no money and was of no

other targets, the kidnappers

seized Mann in 1989, releasing

him at the end of 1991. When

he came out, Mann revealed he

had been beaten during cap-

tivity, but within days he turned from a frail old man into the in-

domitable character many had

known - a man who was very an-

gry at his captors. No turning the

painter, 1619; Thomas Erpenius

He was wrong: deprived of

one else would record the work because they had captured so exactly what he wanted and yet were 9,000 miles distant.

Aller's career as principal cellist for Warner Brothers was equally distinguished. Erich Korngold wrote his very difficult Cello Concerto for her in the film Deception (1946), star-ring Bette Davis and Claude Rains with Paul Henreid as the virtuoso soloist. She also gave the premiere of this concerto with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Besides having played for countless films there were other occasions when she accompanied stars like Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne and Frank Sinatra in live concerts. In the late Eighties she was invited to coach string students at the Toronto Conservatory of

Of her cello playing, her son the conductor Leonard Slatkin, speaking on behalf of his brother the cellist Frederick Zlotkin and himself, said: "Our mother was a peerless cellist who inspired musicians around the world. She was uncompromising in her musical beliefs and everyone who knew her respected her judgement. It is gratifying that, towards the end of her life, she began to get the recognition she long

As a woman she had a warm larger-than-life personality with a wicked sense of humour. She also had an indefatigable abil-ity to learn new skills. After Felix Slatkin died in 1963, she achieved a long-cherished ambition to become an aeroplane pilot. She took lessons and, after 50 hours, flew solo and continued to enjoy her hobby until 1986 when she was 69. She once told me: "I know I'm a crazy lady but I like to try everything and there isn't enough time to do it all."

Margaret Campbell Eleanor Aller, cellist: born New York City 20 May 1917; married 1939 Felix Slatkin (died 1963; two sons); died Los Angeles 12

other cheek for Jackie Mann: if

he had managed to get his kid-nappers at the end of a gun,

there is no doubt what he would

have done. His period of con-

valescence as a guest of the

RAF must have been one of the happiest times of his life. He was

back in the milieu he loved best

and missed so much, given spe-

cial respect by senior officers

young enough to be his sons, who paid to him the tribute due

But once that time was over,

Mann was not going to remain:

after being an Englishman

abroad so long, he could not

take the cold and fogs of a

British winter. He did not go

back to Beirut, which he would

certainly have done if it had

been feasible, but settled instead

for Cyprus, that haven of

Britishness in the eastern

Mediterranean. There, he

found old flying cronies, friends

from Beirut to reminisce with.

This last phase of Jackie

Manu's life, until his wife's

death from cancer in November

1992, was perhaps the best of all.

a tiny recompense for the

Jack Mann, pilot; born 1914;

CBE 1992; married 1943 Mrs

Sunnie McWhiner (died 1992;

one daughter); died Nicosia,

Cyprus 12 November 1995.

John Bulloch

English beer and food.

awful time of captivity.

to The Few.



# Corneliu Coposu

Corneliu Coposu's story is one of the most remarkable in the annals of Communist repression in eastern Europe. In 1990. aged 74, he emerged from nearly 50 years of prison and police surveillance to revive the National Peasant and Christian Democratic Party (PNTCD) and make it a magnet of opposition to the ex-Communists in charge of Romania. He was a steadfast opponent of intoler-ance and did his best to foster relations with Romania's Hungarian and Jewish minorities.

Born in the Transylvanian county of Salaj in 1916, Coposu trained as a lawyer and was close to Iuliu Maniu, leader of the National Peasant Party during the 1937-47 period acting as his personal secretary before becoming a deputy secretarygeneral of the party in 1945. His links with a political figure widely respected for his ethical standards and for having played a key role in 1918 in uniting Transvivania with the Romanian state lent stature to Coposu, as did his own prison sufferings after 1947. When he was released in 1964, his weight had fallen from 114 to 51 kuoto speak, his last eight years of captivity having been spent in solitary confinement. His wife Arlette had died in prison as had a great many of the tens of thousands of party members imprisoned after 1947.

In 1964, at a time when the Communist leadership was trying to mobilise support on nationalist grounds for its bid to detach a still Stalinist Romania from Moscow's orbit. Coposu turned down an invitation to occupy an honorific public office. In the quarter of a century of enforced residence and constant surveillance by the secret police that followed, Coposu found political activity impossible. Nevertheless, in 1987, thanks to a clandestine meeting with a senior Italian Christian Democrat, the PNTCD was enrolled in the European Christian Democratic Union, which has provided material assistance for the party in the 1990s.

Coposu took part in the

street protests in Bucharest at the end of 1989 that contributed to the fall of Nicolae Ceausescu. But Ion fliescu, who led the internal party putsch against the dictator, froze Coposu out during these dramatic events. When elections were hastily called in May 1990 by ex-Communists who had formed the National Salvation Front (NSF), it became clear that Coposu's party had lost the social and economic bases which had sustained it before 1945. The worlds of private agriculture, urban commerce and religious faith from which it had derived values, material support and recruits had been shat-

tered in the Communist era. But, to the democratically minded young, Coposu's dignity, simplicity of manner and clarity of expression made him an inspiring figure. By promoting younger people, he tried to prevent his party becoming a gerontocracy dominated by aged figures keen to resume careers interrupted in the 1940s. Whatever future awaits it now, he ensured that it avoided the splits that have disfigured most other Romanian parties.

and principled leader, the PNTCD might well have been tempted to compromise with authoritarian forces in order to strengthen its appeal before voters who had been exposed to anti-democratic conditioning over many years. Coposu instead emphasised a civic natriotism and was prepared to co-operate with Romania's ethnic Hungarian leaders, provided the country's territorial integrity was never placed in question. Public statements he made, starting in June 1990. show that he saw an alliance spanning the whole of the Romanian democratic camp as the only feasible way of grabbing the political initiative from the "neo-Communists" of the NSF. a party which he believed was controlled by insincere democrats determined to retain a monopoly of power. Months of patient negotia-

tion gave rise in 1991 to the Democratic Convention, an

opposition electoral alliance. In 1992 its candidates were elected as mayors in large cities across Romania and in the September general election it de-prived the ruling party of its majority and forced President Iliescu to a second ballot before he was elected. Many had expected that Riescu and his supporters could be driven from office, but Coposu's firm anti-Communism and his support for the restoration of King Michae to the throne may have scared off floating voters. The years after 1992 were

frustrating for Coposu. Ultranationalists, whose newspapers subjected him to vicious character assassinations, were incorporated into the government to enjoy the spoils of office. The opposition alliance has become increasingly frayed as it is clear that reformists stand little chance of wresting power from President Iliescu in next year's elections. Coposu was dismayed by the retreat of the European ideal and the rise of intolerant nationalism not only in Serbia but also in Britain.

Coposu was a guest of honour at the 1990 Tory party con-ference but was well aware that the Major government's hostility to European institutions, such as the European Court of Human Rights, made it much easier for nationalists in Romania to flout these institutions by citing the precedent of re-

spected Western democracies. Relations with Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats were more rewarding: an inveterate smoker, Coposu spent long periods in Germany receiving treatment for a lung complaint. His place in Romanian history is assured and it is likely that future generations will grant him the honours denied in a lifetime full of storms and personal tragedies which Coposu bore with remarkable stoicism. Tom Gallagher

Corneliu Coposu, politician:

born Balota 20 May 1916; President, PNCTD 1990-95; Member of Parliament 1992-95; died Bucharest 11 November 1995. 12 October 1995.

# Richardson

F.C. Richardson made a unique and outstanding contribution to RAF navigation, for in 1940-41 - working in the Air Ministry while the Battle of Britain was at its height - he wrote the Manual of Air Navigation (known in the Service as AP [Air Publication] 1234), a classic account of basic principles with Alice in Wonderland quotations at the head of each chapter.

Published by HMSO in 1941

it was circulated to all flying training schools in the UK and throughout the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme for many years afterwards, and was translated into many languages—in-cluding German (though the Luftwaffe captain given the task found the English of Lewis Carroll beyond him).
"Dickie" Richardson's pre-

war career had well prepared him for this task. He had joined the RAF in 1933 on a short trained in Egypt, at No 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sneir, where he passed out with an "Exceptional" rating as a pilot He was then posted to the prestigious No 216 bomber transport squadron, at Heliopolis near Cairo.

Operations to Kenya and West Africa, and across the deserts of Iraq (vividly described in a recently completed but as yet unpublished autobiography), gave him his first practical experience in air navigation; and this was con-solidated when in 1937-38 he took the specialist course at the School of Air Navigation at Manston. His success thereand the resultant "N" after his name in the Air Force List, led to his posting to the Air Ministry to write the Manual of Air Navigation.

Richardson then did an opcrational tour, commanding a Whitley squadron, No 502, at St Eval, Cornwall, in 1942-43 during the Battle of the Atlantic. By now a Wing Commander, he was appointed Chief Navigation



Officer at Coastal Command

His operational experiences led him to influence the Air Staff to make two changes in the role and status of navigators: limiting their airborne duty to 10 hours (unless a second navigation was being carried) and making it possible for them to

become captains of aircraft. In post-war years he helped to set up the Empire Navigation School (famous for its transpolar and world circumnavigation flights by the Lancaster Aries) at Shawbury, in Shropshire, becoming Deputy Commandant before his retirement from the RAF in 1958.

Humphrey Wyon Frederick Charles Richardson, air force officer: born Streatham, London 24 January 1912; married 1937 Mary Greaves (one san, one daughter, and one son deceased); died Pinner, Middlesex

### Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

SALAMAN: Esther (nee Polianowskaya), on Thursday 9 November 1995, aged 95 years, much-loved wife of Myer, mother, sister, mother-inlaw, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private funeral at the Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, NW10. A memorial meeting will be held at a later date will be held at a later date.

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SHORE: Barbara, widow of Sydney, of
Wisbech and Great Gidding. Died 10
November. Will always be lovingly remembered buy Judy. Vicky, Carolyn.
Richard and all the groundchildren.
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Birthdays

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Sir Ewart Bell, former senior civil servant, 71; The Most Rev Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, 60; Sir John Coles, Head of the Diplo-matic Service, 58; Miss Adrienne Corri, actress, 64; Sir Lincoln Hallinan barrister and magistrate. 73; Sir Anthony Jacobs, chairman, Tricoville Group, 64; The Rev Patricia Johns. former Headmistress. St Marv's School, Wantage, 62; Mr Kenneth Kemp, honorary life president, Smith and Nephew, 74; Miss Joan Lestor MP, 64; Sir Arnold Lindley, former chairman, GEC, 93; Maj-Gen James Doiran Lunt, 78: Mr John McGuckian, chairman, Ulster Television, 50 Mr Basil Morson, pathologist, 74; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 79; Mr Terry Reid, musician, 40; Mr Anthony T. Shadforth, former chairman, Inco Europe, 64; Miss Alexandra Shulman, Editor, Vogue, 38; Sir Donald Thompson MP, 64.

Anniversaries

Births: St Augustine of Hippo. 354; Edward III. King, 1312; Maurice of Nassau. Prince of Orange, military leader, 1567; General Sir John Moore, 1761; Edward John Trelawry. writer and traveller, 1792; Henry Brinley Richards, pianist and composer. 1819: Charles Frederick Worth, couturier, 1825; James Clerk Maxwell, physicist, 1831; Edwin Thomas Booth, actor, 1833; Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson, writer and traveller, 1850; George Whitefield Chadwick, composer, 1854; Eugène Ionesco, author and playwright, 1912. Deaths: Pope St Nicholas the Great, 867; Malcolm III, King of the Scots, killed 1093; Prince Henry the Navigator, 1460: Lodovico Carracci,

(van Erpe), Orientalist, 1624; George Sale, translator of the Koran, 1736; William Etty, painter, 1849; Sir John Forbes, physician and author, 1861; Arthur Hugh Clough, poet, 1861; Gioacchino Antonio Rossini, composer, 1868; Arnaud-Michel d'Ahbadie, explorer, 1893; Camille Pissarro, painter, 1903; Francis Thompson, poet, 1907; Enrico Cec-chetti, dancer, 1928; Roark Whitney Wickliffe Bradford, novelist, 1948 Jacques Fath, conturier, 1954; Elsa Schiaparelli, contunière, 1973; Robert Cedric Sherriff, playwright and nov-elist, 1975; Chesney Allen, comedi-an, 1982. On this day: the Scots defeated by the English at Altrwick 1093; the Jacobites were defeated at Sheriffmuir and Preston, 1715; Texas declared its independence of Mexico, 1835; a telegraphic service between London and Paris began, 1851; the fourth phase of the Battle of the Somme began, 1916; a Pacific treaty was signed between the United States, the British Empire, France and Japan, 1921; the inner coffin of Tutankhamen was opened at Luxor. 1925: Ahmed Soekarno becam president of the Republic of Indonesia, 1945; a cyclone and tidal waves killed more than 500,000 people in East Pakistan. 1970: Iceland eed a plan to end the "Cod War" agreed a plan to the the with Britain, 1973; a state of emergency was proclaimed in Britain, fol-lowing an overtime ban by electricity and coal workers, 1973. Today is the Feast Day of St Abbo of Fleury, St Arcadius, St Brice or Britius, St Didacus or Diego of Seville, St Enge-nius of Toledo, St Frances Xavia Cabrini, St Homobonus, St Maxellendis, St Nicholas I, pope and St

Stanislaus Kostka,

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Bernadette Archer, "The Art of Fashion: Art Deco fashion plates", University College London, Lop-

don WC1: Dr Eric Cohen, "Theodore Tuffier (1857-1929); how much kidney is enough?", 5.30pm. Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1: Graeme Gilchrist, "City Institutions: the money market", 1pm.

Dinners

Association of Cricket Unipires

and Scorers Sir Colin Cowdrey was in the chair at the 42nd Annual Dinner of the As-sociation of Cricket Umpires and Scorers held on Saturday at the Forte Crest Hotel, Brighouse, West Yorkshire. The Hon Sir Oliver Pop-plewell QC, President of the MCC, Sir Lawrence Byford, President of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, and Mr Kevin Councily also spoke.

Service appointments ROYAL NAVY

Rear-Admiral J.P. Clarke, to be Hydrographer of the Navy and Chief Executive of the Hydrographic Agency. Commodore A.B. Ross RN, pro-moted Rear-Admiral and to be Assistant Director Operations Division International Military Staff.

Li-Gen Sir Roger Wheeler, to be Commander-in-Chief Land Com-Maj-Gen G.A. Ewer, to be Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Logistics).

The following notes of judgments were prepared by the reporters of the All England Law Reports:

Costs

Melville v Southwark Crown Court; QBD(DC) (Simon Brown LJ, Scott Baker J): 25 Oct 1995

It was incorrect for a Crown court to refuse to award a defendant's costs order after acceding to a submission of no case to answer, on the basis that there would have been a case to answer on alternative charges had they been brought, since that did not constitute material on which the court could hold there was a positive reason for declining to make the Charles Salter (Wilson Barca) for the

Drugs

R v Gregory; CA(Crim Div)(Beldam 19 Oct 1995 Where a defendant is convict-

ed of drug offences and the court is mindful of making a confiscation order under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, and where the realisable asset is the equity in the matrimonial home, a number of difficulties arise which require the court to proceed with great Julia Dick (Registrar of Criminal

could not convert investment

### CASE SUMMARIES

13 November 1995

Appeals) for the appellant: John H. income into trading income by Skrightholme (CPS) for the Crown.

luclear Electric plc v Bradley (Inspector of Taxes); CA (Sir Thomas Bingham MR, Millett, Schiemann LJJ); 17 Oct 1995 Interest accruing on sums set

aside, but not specifically ded-

icated, for decommissioning nuclear reactors and storing and processing spent nuclear fuel was not "trading income" within s 393 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. The making of investments and receipt of interest was not an integral part of the trade of generating electricity. Nor could it be said for certain that the funds in question would in fact be used for the purpose of decommissioning reactors or disposing of spent fuel over a period as long as the project-cd 80 years, notwithstanding that the company was at any given time insolvent, and all its resources would in all probability have to be used for the purpose. Nor would it have made any difference if there had been a segregated fund dedicated to meeting the future liabilities. A taxpayer

simply creating a segregated fund.

John Gardiner QC, Jonathan Peacock and Rubinder Singh (Inland Revenue Solicitor )for the Crown; Graham Auronson QC and Ioseph Hage (Nuclear Electric) for Nuclear

Sentence

R v Dunham; CA (Crim Div) (Beldam L.J. Scott Baker, Stuart-White JJ); 10 Oct 1995 A court has jurisdiction to re-

senience a defendant after an unlawful sentence had been rescinded provided that it was made clear that the eventual sentence was passed within the 28-day time limit prescribed by s 47(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981. That course was only open to the court if it was of the opinion that rescission did not of itself prevent it. Kaja Reiff-Musgrove | Registrar of

Criminal Appeals) for the appellant: Michael Forward (CPS) for the

Value added tax

Housing t/a P & J Autos v Customs and Excise Commissioners; CA (Stuart-Smith, Pill LJL Sir John Balcomber; 17 Oct 1995 The commissioners could make

assessments for a number of prescribed accounting periods in one total sum and on one assessment form even where it would have been possible to make separate assesments for each period, as had been held by the CA in Customs and Excisc Commssioners v Le Riftfi Ltd [1991] STC 103. Where cal culations had been provided in schedules sent separately to the taxpayer showing how the sums assessed had been arrived at, the taxpayer had been adequately notified of the assessment. Roderick Cordara (H.H. Maintrice)

for the taxpayer, Guy Sankey QC (Customs & Excise Solicitor) for the

CORRECTION: The case summary of R v HM Commissioners of Inland Revenue, ex p Dhesi (Case Summaries, 14 August) should be replaced by the following summary:

A decision of a High Court judge whether to grant a voluntary bill of indictment is not susceptible of judicial review, but the decision of a prosecutor to seek a voluntary bill may be open to review on limited grounds. However, a dispute about the defendant's fitness to be committed or stand trial was not such a strong large and the second such a strong large and such a strong large. ground, but was something which the judge would take into account with supporting material in coming to his decision whether to grant the voluntary bill.

# THINKERS OF THE NINETIES

# A moral life in this godless world

Today, Bryan Appleyard presents the first in his six-part series about the thinkers who are helping to shape our ideas in the Nineties. He starts with Peter Singer, the philosopher of animal liberation and prophet of the global conscience, whose writings have helped to persuade people around the world to become vegetarians

Peter Singer is the most effective philosopher alive. His book, Animal Liberation, published in 1975, created a worldwide movement to stop the exploitation of animals. His writings have turned thousands of readers into vegetarians. His ethics provide the intellectual underpinning for popular convictions about contemporary issues ranging from abortion to the environment.

He is the prophet of the global conscience. He provides a hard philosophical case for concerns - for animals or the environment - that are often dismissed as sentimental. He believes he has found a tough, logical basis for a virtuous, moral life in a godless world.

His books are lucid, gripping and persuasive. And even his critics admire the consistency and determination of his thought. Unlike some thinkers, Singer pursues his ideas to their logical and frequently shocking conclus-ions. So, for example, he concludes that a newborn baby or an old man may be less valuable entities than an adult gorilla, or that it may be desirable to kill handicapped babies. We have come, he says, to the end of a 2,000-year history of religious domination of

morality. He has a precise date for that end: 4 February 1993, when British law lords ruled that Anthony Bland, in a coma since the Hillsborough disaster of 1989, could be killed by his doctors. Under Christianity, human life from conception to death is sacred and unique. Unlike the life of any animal, it is God-given and beyond interference by mere humans. The decision to let Bland die marked the end of that belief.

But once God and the sanctity of human life are gone, the question then becomes: why should we choose to behave well? Why not kill, rape and murder as the fancy takes us? Just because we might get caught does not amount to an ethical programme.

philosophy came from the 18th-century German Immanuel Kant. He said we could derive no guide for our actions from the world. All we had was "the moral law within". The only possible moral act was one that sprang from a pure, disinterested sense of duty to this law.

Singer dismisses Kant. The doctrine of duty is rigid and pointless. Why should an act have to be so utterly disinterested to be good? If I give blood because it makes me feel good, how is that worse than giving blood because I feel I must? Either way the blood is given.

Singer also dismisses much of philosophy after Kant. He has no interest in the kind of inward-looking thought that argues about the meaning of words or the existence or otherwise of a table. And he has little regard for most moral philosophy. To some extent, moral philosophy after Kant ceased to be about practical morality and instead became about whether morality was possible at all after the certainties of Christianity had crumbled. Singer wants a practical ethical system

that works in the real world.

He finds one in the philosophy of utilitarianism. This appears in the writings of the English philosophers Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill. They offered a clear, practical way to define a moral act. They said it was any act that produced the greatest good for the greatest appriher.

for the greatest number. In Classical Utilitarianism, this good was defined as happiness. It was thought that some simple means of measurement of happiness could be devised. With this measurement, firm decisions could be made about what was moral and what was not.

Singer is not satisfied with the word "hap-piness". Instead, he embraces the philosophy known as Preference Utilitarianism. In this, the idea of happiness is replaced by the idea of individual preference - what is moral is that which satisfies the most interests and preferences. Singer brings Preference Utilitarianism to the modern world. This means he is not an original thinker. What he has done is apply, with supreme determination, an existing ethical system to contemporary issues. In the case of animals, for example, his philosophy allows them to be included as beings to whom we can extend ethical concern precisely because they are obviously beings with interests and preferences.

His utilitarianism convinces him that ethics m be rationally established and it is possible for modern man to live a fully ethical life. He began with animals because they represented a huge number of beings whose ethical status had scarcely been considered. He argued that higher animals clearly had many of the attributes we use to define a person - intention, sense of a future and a past, even, sometimes, language. Lower animals might be less fully considered but their primary interest - to go on living - should still be incorporated into the ethical realm. We should not, therefore, fish - even fish can be defined as beings with an interest in their continued existence.

### 1: Peter Singer

<sup>6</sup> After ruling our thoughts and our decisions about life and death for nearly 2,000 years, the traditional Western ethic has collapsed?

LIFE: Peter Singer was born in Mel-bourne, Australia, in 1946. He is Professor of Philosophy and deputy director of the Centre for Human Bioethics at Monash University, Mel boume. He was the founding president of the International Association of Bioethics, and is now president of the Australia and New Zealand Feder ation of Animal Societies. He is to stand for the Australian Greens in Victoria in the next federal elections.

WORK: His 1975 book, Animai Liberation, effectively created the worldwide animal rights movement. He has since published a huge range of books includ-ing The Expanding Circle, which is said to have created thousands of vegetarians around the world, Practical Ethics and How Are We to Live?

LIFE: He is married with three daughters. He lists his recreations as reading, writing, walking, bodysurfing, cross-country ng and growing fruit and vegetables

CRITICS: His thinking has inspired demonstrations, abuse and the banning of his lectures in Germany and Austria. Protestors say his beliefs about infanti-cide and euthanasia are similar to those of the Nazis. Academic critics say his thinking is unoriginal, a resurrection of a philosophy they regard as discredited



The idea of a being with interests is thus extended beyond the merely human and, once that bridge is crossed, the rest follows. Abortion and euthanasia are permissible because the quality of being of a foetus or a terminallyill old person is too low and not protected by any view that human life is sacred. Even after birth, handicapped babies might be killed if parents and doctors agree, and so on.

In his later work, Singer extends the application of his ethics. He attacks the individualism of America - damning the futility of its obsession with self-help and psychoanalysis while its own cities are falling apart and Africans are starving. He feels that Western man has turned his ethical concerns inwards upon himself, and the private development of ent concerns. Always his insistence is that the purposelessness often felt by modern man is futile; there is so much to do and, now, on the basis of his ethics, so much reason to do it.

Singer lives his philosophy, giving substantial portions of his income to foreign aid agencies, and he embraces environmentalism to the point where he is soon to stand as a Green Party candidate for the Senate of the state of Victoria. He is also a co-founder of the Great Ape Project which aims to obtain basic rights for chimpanzees, gorillas and orang-utans. The attractions of his thought, especially

to it.'

to the young, are obvious. You no longer have to sit at the feet of some guru, preacher or therapist to find a meaning for life. You simply obey the dictates of reason. The success of the animal liberation and environmental movements indicates more than just a convincing argument; it indicates the extent to which people discover personal fulfilment in attaching themselves to a big, external project.

However, Singer's message is not universally welcomed, even by young, left-inclined people. In Germany and Austria, student demonstrations have prevented discussion of his ideas. Many young Germans identify his position - notably on euthanasia and infanticide - with that of the Nazis.

This is, at one level, merely ironic. Singer of German-Jewish descent and three of his family died in concentration camps. But, at a deeper level, it indicates crucial problems with his thought. For the German students have a point. In Preference Utilitarianism, why might it not be right to observe the preferences of a majority who wished to kill some minority - Jews, for example - in their midst? If the only moral authority is the sum total of interests and preferences, then there is nothing to stop those interests when they become brutalised; there is no court of appeal.

For many, this argument indicates a decisive failing in the philosophy. All forms of util-

itarianism fail as autonomous moral systems because you invariably have to step outside the system to make it acceptable. You have to say, at some point, there are some things that are absolutely forbidden and that means utilitarianism alone is not enough. Majorities must not kill minorities because it is wrong according to some higher principle, rather than a mere calculus of interest or happiness.

That principle is said by some philosophers to be the accumulations of wisdom and experience. But Singer has no time for such arguments. He is a hard rationalist and a revolutionary. History, in his view, is being overthrown simply by the consistency of his

Yet, for all his weaknesses, he is the most aracteristic prophet of the Nineties. He offers a rational programme of concern and explanation to a global culture confused about what is right and wrong. He offers a project to those unsure of how to react to the deluge of information and demands that pour out of the electronically united world. His assaults on what he sees as the greed culture of the Eighties, as well as his justification of popular anxieties about animals and the environment, place him at the centre of the biggest, most global issues of the day. He may not survive in intellectual history, but in political, social and cultural history his place is assured.

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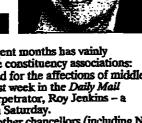
# Diary

Spare a thought for Norman Lamont, who in recent months has vainly carried his carpet-bag around several Conservative constituency associations: rejection is making him desperate. In a last wild bid for the affections of middle rejection is making that desperate. In a last wild but for the affections of mid England, this man of the world was to be found last week in the Daily Mail attacking the permissive society and its alleged perpetrator, Roy Jenkins – a wheeze given relevance because Jenkins was 75 on Saturday.

Lord Jenkins's villainies include being critical of other chancellors (including N Laront), being pompous, preferring Oxford to Cambridge and baving a speech Lamont), being pointpois, preferring Canori to Camoriage and naving a speech defect. But he will have his comeuppance: "How will he explain," sneers Lamont triumphantly, "one notable absence from his party – someone who found time to attend Lady T's celebration - the Queen?" However, my favourite Lamont line was: "What does Lord Jenkins, on his

chaise-longue, know of the tiger economies of the East?" Now for all I know, Jenkins may indeed occasionally loll on a chaiselongue, or even sprawl on a tiger-skin rug, but I am tired of the canard that because he has always made time for reading, writing, eating, drinking and socialising, he is intrinsically lazy. In his time the chap has been inter alia
Home Secretary, Chancellor of the
Exchequer, President of the European Commission, leader of the SDP and a distinguished writer and reviewer; in his 75th year he has produced a fine biography of Gladstone. If that's laziness, I'm Norman Lamont.

I am being driven mildly potty not just by my own absent-mindedness but by that of my friends. Quite apart from what I lost through recent burgiarious action, in the past few weeks I have mislaid in Belfast, Dublin, Nottingham, Windermere and on various trains, a book, a cheque card, a jacket, my favourite jewellery and my reading glasses, and have four times had to replace my Remembrance Day poppy; and I don't even want to think about the lost pieces of paper. Several of these objects have been retrieved, but it all takes time. In the same period I have returned to various friends two overcoats, two pairs of glasses and a back, as well as being the source of telephone numbers for three who have respectively lost an address book, filofax and Psion organiser. My



Lamont: appeal to little England

ever-practical friend Una suggests

if abandoned. Thus one would be

pursued down the street by one's

offer it as an idea.

book or briefcase, but not by one's

shoes. It's a tricky area and I see many problems and grey areas, but I

should have made peace with Hitler

with you George Hummer's relevant

clerinew, but caution confines me to

a lark".) But I am so passionate an

restaurant where I was being lunched

admirer of his diaries that I was

thrilled to see him arrive in a

in 1941. (I would like here to share

that objects normally carried should

be programmed to follow their owner

While on anti-stereotypes, as listed on the Brussels mug I wrote about recently, here are my favourite gestions from William Hazell: ndthrift as a Scot Monotonic as the Welsh Reasonable as a Serb

Tinaid as a Zulu Libidinous as an Eskimo ("Do you remember," he asks, "the frigid midget with a rigid digit?")

last week. My expectations were dashed when he drank only water; it

refusing a second helping or Norman Lamont being magnanimous.

was a shock to the system akin to seeing Joan Collins wearing a

crimplene frock, Roy Hattersley

Lots of you rushed to put Kate Odgers and her family out of their long-standing misery over their lack of a question for the answer: "One rode a horse and the other rhododendron." Some laboured hard to invent questions. Bill Haskins: When they went over the sticks why did the jockey become a winner and Charon a bloomer? (Sticks = Styx; Charon = ferryman to Elysium across Styx; rhododendron = 'rowed a dead one'.) Geoff Heath: "What is the difference between Anne Phillips (Princess Royal) and an azalea?"
"What is the difference between Boadicea and Britannia?" offers Jennie Move, adding: "Admittedly, this is unlikely to provoke uproarious mirth unless told to an audience acquainted with the existence of the



There is much about Alan Clark that I find less than edifying - not least his decidedly dodgy notion that Churchill the lines "Alan Clark/Found infidelity

rhododendron variety Britannia' (and perhaps not even then), but I feel it has a certain indefinable 1940s flavour

Michael Leapman - the fate of whose allotment I used to follow spellbound many years ago when he was a *Times* diarist – is even more learned: "In riddles, the answer to one rode a horse" is often Lady Godiva. The next step is to find a rhododendrou with a similar name ... eg Lady Clementine Mitford. So the riddle could be: "What is the difference between Lady Godiva and Lady Clementine Mitford?"
Several of you sent the correct and

much dafter question: "Which would you rather or go fishing?" You heard or read this piece of nonsense at home and at school as early as the Twenties and as late as the Sixties. Among those blamed were the radio comedy show ITMA, the humour of Penge and Beckenham, countless schoolmasters and the vogue for surrealism in Thirties Benenden. Liz Flower thought the culprits might have been the Irish, Gurdjieff, or the Forties Zeitgeist, when such riddles were "a general existential sign of relieved madness post-war". Dick Hughes recalls his mother and doting aunts thinking such riddles hugely funny. "Some ... were designed to be pointless, and therein lay their supposed hilarity." He remembers:
"Why is an oven when it's hot?"

Answer: "The more you rub it, the faster." Other correspondents offer: "Why is a mouse when it spins? -Because the higher, the fewer"; and "Why is a duck? - Because one of its legs is both the same."

Happy, Odgerses? For myself, I hope fervently that these riddles do not come back into vogue.

The Enrolimerick "A muchacha hermosa from Spain/In love with fear og as Sinn Féin/Said 'Arriba Irlanda'/But I must add with candour/..." has foxed most of you; some of the few brave attempts have also foxed me. Best of the printable are Joss Peto's "Tá mé bhean lewd und profane" and Frederick 'sprengen' mit 'wehen'."

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Nigeria: the price of timidity

Until this weekend the vast majority of readers of this newspaper - and most of its journalists - had never heard of Ogoniland. Yet this desperately poor corner of Nigeria has provided many of us with a good living for 30 years. Its oil has earned vast profits for Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil giant, and the revenue has been spent by the Nigerian government and oligarchy in large measure on European goods. European goods.

Nice for us, wonderful for the Niger-Their country has been severely polluted by oil leaks, while little or nothing has been spent on improving life for this minor member of Nigeria's fractions family of 250 tribes. Small wonder that their resentment should have given rise to Ken Saro-Wiwa's campaign on behalf of the Ogoni and that this campaign frustrated and suppressed by the military regime - should eventually have become militant. with violent results. It was

always a sorry story. Now the Ogonis have a martyr, a poet hanged in irons after a show trial. And we failed to save him. Respectable governments hoped and believed that hush-hush diplomacy and pleas behind the scenes would work: that the Nigerian government would do us all a favour and quietly commute his sentence and eventually let him out, allowing him to move to London or New York. Then we could all get on with the business of arguing with General Sani Abacha and his cronies about a return to democracy, while continuing to trade with Nigeria. This strategy now lies

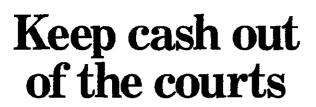
So arguments have begun again about the efficacy of sanctions (in the case of

Nigeria, these would have to be oil sanctions) and the role of morality in foreign policy. In the anti-camp are those who argue that we stand to lose much of our annual £600m-worth of trade with Nigeria, thereby jeopardising British jobs and livelihoods; that economic sanctions are never effective; that only the poorer Nigerians would suffer; and that international action might precipitate a Niger-

It is certainly true that unless the international community stands united over oil sanctions, Britain will simply be replaced by other trade partners and any embargo will fail. However, recent history records three effective examples of the use of eco-nomic sanctions: in South Africa, Iraq and Serbia. So it can be done. It is true, as well, that poorer Nigerians will suffer but richer ones - influential with the military regime - will suffer far more.

However, the last argument is the most important. If the present military regime continues in power, then bloody chaos is inevitable. Under Abacha repression has got worse, the economy has slumped, crime and corruption have risen to levels that threaten all social cohesion; Nigeria is becoming a basket-case. The lessons of Rwanda and, indeed, the former Yugoslavia suggest that the greatest danger could come when elements in the present regime - incapable of reforming the mess they themselves have created decide that fomenting tribal differences will help to save their own skins.

That is why we must shake off our timidity and take action. An oil embargo should start now. Whatever the appeasers say, the price of maction is always heavy



1 paid in total to many of the witnesses in the Rosemary West trial. Anne Marie Davis, Mrs West's stepdaughter, gets 13.000 from the Daily Star. Caroline Owens, attacked by the Wests in 1972, will the case, perhaps we could stretch to a grand." And, let's face it, £1,000 is a tempting inducement to a little exaggerget £20,000 from the Sun. Kathryn Halliday receives £8,000 from the *Sunday Mir* ror. The list of lucrative liaisons between tabloid and witness goes on and on.

Perhaps we should not find this surprising. Allegations of sexual abuse and violence make a gripping, if distressing, tale. Many people want to read the witnesses' stories and are prepared to pay for the newspapers that deliver the details. Even the Official Solicitor has entered the market for criminal allegations and confessions. Fred West's autobiography and the police transcripts of his interviews are to be sold in a publishing deal for a posttrial book. Little wonder, then, that the witnesses want their cut, too.

But it cannot be right that participants in criminal proceedings are involved in financial transactions over the details of their evidence. We would be outraged if the police were found slipping the odd tenner to the eyewitness of a burglary, or if the defence in a fraud case had promised a sympathetic witness a holiday in the Caribbean. Yet chequebook journalism during a trial raises exactly the same kinds

Imagine the tabloid hack turning up on your doorstep to hear about the neigh-

Tens of thousands of pounds are being paid in total to many of the witnesses in the Rosemary West trial. Anne Marie

Now if, by any chance, there was a whip? ation or a few embellishments.

To seek to influence the evidence a witness will give is illegal - it counts as contempt of court. But how on earth do you prove it? It is extremely difficult to show that a particular witness decided to change his/her testimony purely on the basis of the money she/he was promised.

So the buying up of witnesses continues unabated and public confidence in the judicial process continues to decline. For if money and the media are seen to be pervasive influences in the courtroom, then victims and defendants will lose faith in the idea of a fair trial.

The Press Complaints Commission is hopelessly inadequate to sort this mess out. "Paying witnesses or potential witnesses in current criminal proceedings' clearly violates its code of conduct. Yet this has made no difference to the behaviour of the tabloid newspapers who pretend to abide by it.

It is time for the law to step in. It should be illegal for newspapers to engage in financial transactions - whether in fact or in promise - with witnesses until a trial is over. The Lord Chancellor should find a way to do this as fast as possible, before a serious violation of justice takes place.

ANOTHER VIEW Peter Melchett

# Pull out now, Shell

When Greenpeace protested outside Shell International's headquarters in London in January this year, to draw attention to the forthcoming trial of Ken Saro-Wiwa, Shell International's executives invited me and Ken's son, Ken

Wiwa, in for a chat. They told us they were simply a business, in no position to intervene in Nigeria's legal processes, that it was nothing to do with them, and that in any event Ken Saro-Wiwa was charged with the very serious crime of murder. Even on the environmental destruction in the Niger delta region, they claimed that much of the damage was caused by non-oil activity - and was therefore nothing to do with

Shell is dependent on the Nigerian state for security and suppression of dissent, and works with the state oil company, a vital source of revenues for the despica-ble junta. It is absurd for its executives to claim that they can play such a dominant role in Nigerian society and yet have no involvement and no responsibility for wider questions of environmental or

By March, when Greenpeace me Shell executives again, we presented them with a document leaked from Nigeria which alleged that repression of the Ogoni people had been carried out on Shell's behalf. The respected QC Michael Birnbaum, in his report on Ken Saro-Wiwa's trial, said the proceedings

were unjust. But still Shell claimed the trial was nothing to do with it - it could never intervene.

Then, hours before Ken's "judicial murder" (John Major's phrase), Shell International finally acted and did write

to the junta.
Shell has been callous, opportunistic, arrogant and inconsistent. President Jacques Chirac has discovered this year that just because nuclear tests have been carried out for years thousands of miles away in the Pacific, public opposition to them cannot be ignored. Shell UK learnt that getting the UK government's OK to dump the Brent Spar out of sight in the deep ocean did not mean public opinion on the environment could

be ignored. Greenpeace has said to Shell that if it cannot operate in Nigeria to the same environmental standards as it claims so much credit for in countries such as the UK and the Netherlands, it should pull out. Shell's response is the same as manufacturers and sellers of arms down the centuries - if we don't do it, some-

But as the world saw in South Africa, disinvestment by one multinational makes the position of others less tenable and political change more likely. Shell should pull out of Nigeria now.

Lord Melchett is executive director of Greenpeace UK



### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Saro-Wiwa: beware tribalism; boycott Shell

From Mr John Igbino
Sir: Ken Saro-Wiwa and his codefendants were not hanged
because of who they were, or for
what they believed in, or for
murder, or for their fight against
Shell; they were hanged for playing confrontational and divisive
tribal politics ("World fury as tribal politics ("World fury as Nigeria sends writer to gallows",

11 November).

There is a precedent in the his-tory of Nigeria for the decision to hang Saro-Wiwa and his associates. Those Nigerians old enough will remember Isaac Adaka Boro. Like Saro-Wiwa, Boro's politics were centred on his tribe in the village of Yenegoa; like Saro-Wiwa, Boro's early fights were with the oil companies and, like Saro-Wiwa, Boro's politics were confrontational and developed into armed rebellion. In the ensuing battle to suppress the rebel-lion, many innocent Nigerians were killed. The present government does not want a repeat of the Yenegoa episode, especially

in the same part of the country. Nigeria is a country of minorities, with nearly 250 tribes, and we are trying to build a nation based on the equality of all the constituent tribes. The task of building a cohesive nation is not helped if we have a divisive tribal leader telling the rest of the country that they live because there is oil on his tribal land. The remaining 249 tribes in Nigeriaresent this, especially as Ogoniland produces no more than a quarter of our total oil output.

In their condemnation the media and politicians have allowed emotion and indignation to blur their assessments. They have failed to visualise a

Israeli poll system

helps extremists

From Dr Andrew Shacknove

Sir: In the past week, striving to

come to terms with the terrible

assassination of Yitzhak Rabin,

we search for explanations. Many

pieces of the puzzle have been

identified: a fanatical young

extremist, security lapses, the

public availability of weapons, the

accessibility of Israel's leaders,

divergent visions of Israel itself

and its relations with the Pales-

tinians, and the acts and omis-

sions of Likud in providing a

Another factor may be the

nusual features of Israel's elec-

toral system. Israel has an

extreme form of proportional representation (PR) wherein

small parties proliferate, needing to reach only a very low thresh-

old of votes in order to enter the

Knesset (parliament). This, in turn, creates a chronic problem

for the major parties, Likud and

A loving smack

From Dr Duncan Carmichael

Sir: With reference to the rec-

ommendations made by the Com-

mission on Children and Violence

(report, 9 November), it is gen-

erally accepted that children (and adults) need boundaries in which

to live, outside of which they

There are different punish-

ments suitable to different situa-

tions and a smack is often the

appropriate deterrent. Remov-

ing it leaves parents more impot-

ent in their attempt to give their

know they will be punished.

forum for radical voices.

Nigeria in which the leaders of 250 tribes start to assert their tribal rights and begin to settle

old scores. Such a scenario evokes the image of Rwanda; of Africans butchering themselves, with the West playing the sympathetic angel of mercy, sending relief and

emergency supplies.

Nigerians are wise and thoughtful people. They know the problems tribalism poses to the survival of their country and they have used that knowledge to define the kind of country they want to live in. They want a tol-erant country in which the rights of one tribe are carefully balanced and weighed against those of the others. Yours faithfully,

JOHN IGBINO London, SW4 11 November

From Mr John Boocock Sir. The hanging of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni people in Nigeria is not the end of the campaign for human rights in that country.

The plight of the Ogoni people has always been affected by the attitude of multinational companies who operate in Nigeria and who benefit from collusion with its military government. The actions of Shell in the Niger river delta immediately spring to mind and there are others (the British armaments industry, for one). We should all support the boycott of Shell. Shell is guilty with other foreign oil companies of turning the lush Niger delta

into a wasteland. This boycott should have been implemented in 1990, when the 11 November

Labour alike, in their efforts to

form coalition governments.

Small parties enjoy dispropor-

tionate power. Binyamin Netan-

yahu, the leader of Likud, is

reaching out to right-wing ex-

tremists not because he shares

their views, but because he will

sooner or later need their votes.

It is arguably more democratic

than other systems. But each

country needs to balance the

dual objectives of democracy and

order. At one extreme, single

party systems err in favour of order at too high a price to democracy. The Israeli system

may be making the opposite mis-

take. Perhaps it finally is time for

Israel to raise the threshold of

votes small parties need to enter

the Knesset. Doing so will not

eliminate the extremists. But it

may serve to limit their political

importance by incorporating

them into larger and more mod-

children a framework in which to

ferentiating a smack from a blow.

The one is borne out of love; the

other, a violent act of emotional

and physical abuse.
Of all the forms of abuse, emo-

tional is the most difficult to pros-

ecute against and the scars in the

children are the hardest to display.

To ban smacking may remove a

symptom, but not the cause, of

emotional abuse.

Yours faithfully,

Farnham, Surrey

DUNCAN CARMICHAEL

erate parties. Yours faithfully,

thrive.

ANDREW SHACKNOVE

PR has much to recommend it.

Ogoni people held a peaceful protest against the rape of their land by Shell. This protest prompted Shell to call on the Nigerian military for support. The Government will not act on this

matter as it is at the beck and call of the US, Nigeria's biggest oil customer. It is time for people to take things into their own hands and to start the boycott of Shell. Yours faithfully.

JOHN BOOCOCK Barbaraville, Ross-shire Sir: The executions carried out in Nigeria are an outrage. Routine expressions of condemnation from national leaders are not an

must act in a decisive way. If the UN wishes to retain any credibility, or to have any resemblance to the hopes of its founders, isive action is neces

adequate response. It seems clear

that the international community

The current rulers of Nigeria must be required to account for their actions before an international forum. Ideally this should be the Court of Human Rights. It is wholly unacceptable that any democratic government, whatever may be its investment in Vigeria, could dissent.

If our political leaders have any guts, they will ensure that this bappens. If the international community does not respond in this way, the concept of an international consensus on human rights is meaningless. Yours faithfully,

Smaller classes

From Cllr Gita Rae

do benefit pupils

Sir: The latest Ofsted survey

states that there is no correlation

between class size and standard

of teaching ("Class-size survey is

blow to parents", 10 November).

hown is that quality of teaching

varies and that some very good

teachers could be if they were

I am a governor of a compre-hensive school which has a pol-

icy of keeping class sizes at or below 25 pupils. We know that a

difference in class size between

24 and 30 means a difference of

20 per cent in the amount of time

a teacher can spend with each

pupil during a lesson, 20 per cent in the amount of time a teacher spends on marking each

homework, and 20 per cent in the

amount of space each child has

Whatever the age of the child, these facts must affect the qual-

ity of teaching and learning.

Therefore it could be argued that the standard of teaching

generally would rise if class sizes

this would be to let those teach-

ers who were measured for the

Ofsted survey teach smaller

classes for a while and then to

measure the performance of the

Councillor for Hampton Wick

were smaller. The only way to test

in the classroom.

pupils again.

Gita Rae

Teddington.

Middlesex

10 November

Yours faithfully,

teaching smaller classes?

J. V. PARKIN Shetland

### Why airlines copy passports

From Mr R. J. Ayling

Sir: With regard to your article on British Airways photocopying "ethnic" passengers' passports ("Airline in secret check on blacks", 10 November), we made a mistake in photocopying Tony Kelly's passport. He and his family are British nationals and we had no reason to doubt that they would be admitted into the US. I have written to him and apologised.

I regret that it is necessary to photocopy the passports of any passengers, but we do so as a precaution against heavy fines imposed on us by the immigration authorities of a number of countries including Britain and the US. But this is not done on Several countries, including

Britain, the US and Canada in effect require airlines to carry out immigration checks before passengers embark on flights to those countries. We, in common strongly object to these requirements, which turn our employees into unpaid immigration officers. We objected when the legislation was introduced in Britain in 1987 and we have consistently objected

If we carry a passenger who does not have the right immigration documents for one of these countries, we are heavily fined. Here in Britain the fines are at the rate of £2,000 per person. In the US they are \$3,000 per person, in Canada they can be as high as \$3,200 per person.

These fines are imposed even

where passengers have valid documents when they check in, but cannot produce them at disembarkation. Last year the Home Office imposed fines in-these cases of more than £8m The US imposed fines of more than \$7m, relating to almost

2,500 cases. If airlines can show the authorities that the passengersdid in fact possess immigration documents at the point of embarkation the fines are generally waived.

So in cases where passengers are of nationalities, or are travelling in circumstances, which we believe may give rise to fines. under these immigration laws, as the basis of their race or colour. a precaution we photostat the travel documents, including passports, at the point of embarkation.

The authorities in Britain, the US and Canada know that we do this, and indeed the Canadian authorities actually encourage us to do so, we also sa may do so in our conditions of

carriage. But we only do so to avoid the very large fines imposed and to. comply with the immigration policies of the countries in mestion. If the immigration authorities did not expect airlines to act as unpaid immigration officers, it would not be necessary. Yours sincerely.

ROBERT AYLING Group Managing Director British Airways Heathrow Airport (London) Hounslow

10 November

# Remembering two

From Mr Julian Brazier Sir: Your article "The right-wing

No attack on

plot to get Lord Mackay" (2 November) contained the allegation that I had "proposed a tax on childless couples" in a Bow Group pamphiet.

childless couples

This statement is untrue. I never proposed any such tax although, when my pamphlet was However, all the report has published, the Independent carried a story asserting it at the time. Apparently the journalist who wrote it had not seen any of teachers teach large classes. Who knows how much better those the advance copies which I had sent to your paper and based the story on a mistake on the tapes. (There was no reference to child-

less couples in the pamphlet.) As it is a matter of public record that my wife and I have had infertility treatment (declared as an interest in the embryology debate the year before the pamphlet was published), I would find it even more offensive than most people to victimise childless couples in this way.

J am, incidentally, an (unpaid) parliamentary adviser to the principal group that represents infertile couples in this country, (NIAC). Yours faithfully,

JULIAN BRAZIER MP for Canterbury (Con) House of Commons London, SW1 8 November

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minutes of silence From Mr Martin Prichett Sir: On Saturday my son and L

tried to observe the two-minute silence ("A silent tribute to all fallen heros". 11 November). We happened to be in Waitrose at the appointed hour and at 11am on the dot we stopped what we were doing, put down our wire basket

and bowed our heads in silence. Unfortunately, we were standing right in front of the sausage counter which was enjoying a burst of popularity. Comments from the assembled shoppers implied that we were loitering and had no business to be in the way. One elderly lady, who led the tutting chorus, then unceremoniously jostled us out of the way and made a spritely lunge for the pork chipolatas. All this in a town dominated by castle and barracks which paid scant regard to a two-minute interruption in its shopping habits.

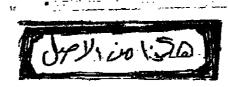
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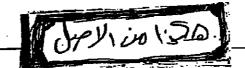
### Supermarket power

From Mr J. Fenner Sir: Great stuff, Germaine ("Never glad confident Sains-bury's again", 10 November). It is time we all thought hard about automatically doing our shopping at Samsbury's. Leave it to those who obviously regard a trolley trip there as the high-spot of family recreation, then maybe the great juggernaut of retailing will cease to destroy local shops, as it has in our part of north London.

Yours faithfully. J. FENNER London, N4







# comment

# Yes, I agree with Enoch (except ...)

His racism should not obscure how right Enoch Powell has always been on Europe and the economy

I agree with most of what Enoch Powell says. As a matter of fact, I recently sat alongside him at a public meeting. And we are both members of the same political club.

Now there's a line that deserves an HE Bateman cartoon to itself - the man who said he agreed with Enoch Powell. So let me rephrase that first sentence quickly: I agree with every-thing Enoch Powell says, except what he says about race.

Now, the idea of Enoch Powell without racism may sound like the idea of Tony Benn without socialism. But that seems to me to be a profound misconception. Certainly, history will remember Powell principally for the fateful "rivers of blood" speech of 1968. Of all his many immolation scenes, this was the one that did his political career the most lasting damage, casting him as Mosley minus the

Unfortunately, in the interview he gave for Michael Cockerell's documentary Odd Man Out (screened last Saturday on BBC2), Powell did little to dispel this impression. "What's wrong with racism?" he retorted. Racism is the basis of nationality."

How on earth can any right-thinking person agree with someone who thinks like that? The answer is that it is perfectly easy, once you realise the relatively minor role this idea of race has played in Powell's development.

Let's begin with the things I do igree with. The political meeting at which I appeared alongside Powell

was in fact a meeting of the Bruges Group. I had been invited to talk about German attitudes towards European federalism. Powell spoke about his reasons for opposing the original legislation incorporating Britain into the EEC

It was a remarkable speech; and I do not mean simply because of the way Powell delivered it - without notes, gazing over the heads of the audience into an invisible yonder, his frail, emaciated body rigid with concentration, his every sentence grammatically exquisite. No, what impressed me was simply how right he had been about the constitutional implications of the European Communities Act. There we all were, getting steamed up about the treaty of Maastricht. But, as Powell said, the fundamental diminution of the sovereignty of Parliament had happened two decades before. As a estitutional conservative, in other words, I am profoundly impressed by Powell's logic. The second element of Powell's political philosophy of which I am an unqualified admirer is his economic liberalism. It was over Macmillan's lax attitude to public expenditure that Powell resigned from the Treasury in 1958 (the first of his political immolation scenes). And throughout the Keynesian 1960s, Poweli was one of the lone voices prophesying an inflationary crisis and calling for a new monetarism.

It is quite clear that these constitutional and economic ideas have got nothing whatever to do with race. So



Throughout the Keynesian 1960s Powell prophesied an inflationary crisis

why the fateful belief in a racially defined national identity?

No one to my knowledge has ever satisfactorily explained this. Powell's own argument in defence of the "rivers of blood" speech remains that he had no alternative as an MP but to represent faithfully the views of his constituents, no matter what. I do not buy that. In fact we do not need to look far for clues as to the real roots of his racialism. For example, when Powell appeared on Desert Island Discs in 1986, his choice of favourite records snoke volumes; every single one was a piece by Wagner. A similar clue lies in the romantic poetry that

featured in the Cockerell profile. "Crusty old Enoch is a romantic" trumpeted the papers after his on-

screen outburst of sentiment about hostility to the most successful immi-Barbara Kennedy, the woman who rebuffed his advances nearly half a century ago. Yes, but what kind of roman-tic? The answer is that in very large measure he is a German romantic.

This may surprise even those who think they know their Powell. After all, did he not make up his mind early in the 1930s that war against Germany was inevitable? Did he not give up his chair at Sydney to fight against Germany? And was he not eager to die defending his country against

True on every count. But none of that detracts from the fact that as a young man at Trinity in the 1930s, Powell had already imbibed, through his classical studies, a deep draught of Germanophilia. Not a love of Hitler's Germany, however, but a love of Nietzsche's Germany. There are fingerprints of Nietzsche all over in Pow-ell's thinking - above all in his belief in a dichotomy between the intellectual and the emotional.

Ditto Wagner. To the untrained eye, there is something faintly absurd about Powell's unrequited passion for "B". But in the mind's eye of the inveterate Wagnerian he was Tristan,

And that brings us back to race. For if there was one idea that the German romantics latched on to, it was the idea of racially defined national character. How better to rationalise German ambitions for European hegemony? And how better to justify traditional grants to Germany - the Jews? Like Powell, I revere Wagner's

music. But I detest his views on race, and will fight every attempt to intro-duce them to British conservatism. Powell's heresy - and I use the word deliberately - was to attempt just such an introduction.

Why do I regard a racial definition

of national identity as heresy? One reason is scientific: modern geneticists will tell you that Darwin's theories do not apply (as German racists claimed they did) to the vaguely defined groups we call "races". My other reason is historic: not only the fact that such ideas were ultimately used by Hitler to justify the worst crimes in human history, but also the fact that British history so clearly runs counter to the idea of racially defined nationality. As an immigrant Celt I naturally have a strong vested interest in keeping England part of a flexible, multinational entity called the UK. But as I never tire of reminding my complacent English students, their little country would have achieved nothing in the world without immigrants.

On this single point then, I disagree with Enoch Powell. Indeed, I think his views on race contradict his constitutional conservatism and his economic liberalism. That makes me deeply wary of any attempt to canonise him by today's Conservative right. But it does not stop me admiring the man himself - immolation scenes

will be a crucial test case for how the

new-style Commonwealth will operate.

monwealth were still arguing that by

putting so much emphasis on human

rights - at the expense of develop-

ment issues - the Commonwealth

had allowed the rich North to hijack

the agenda from the impoverished

South. Chief Anyaoku fiercely rejects

that accusation. He has repeatedly

argued that "democracy and devel-

opment are two sides of the same

coin". In addition, he emphasises

that issues such as debt relief, devel-

opment and education policy remain

at the heart of the Commonwealth's

Last week, critics within the Com-

# A bit of PR unfit for PC

Writing a press release for Shell

Although we are naturally orry to hear of the death of Ken Saro-Wova ...

Although we are naturally extremely sorry to hear of the death of Ken Saro-Wiwa ... Although we are naturally

extremely sorry to hear of the tragic death of the late Ken Saro-Wiwa ...

Oh, dear. This is not proving a very easy press release to get started. is it, Jack?

Know something, Jill? I think it's the word "although," that is making this sentence difficult to complete.

You mean, Jack, it makes it sound as if we are going on to say: "Although we are naturally extremely sorry to hear of the tragic death of Ken Saro-Wiwa, we are very relieved to have

him out of the way ..."?
Yes, Jill, that is just what I mean. We are giving the impression that Ken Saro-Wiwa was a blundering old fool who was getting in the way of the legitimate operations of a wellmeaning oil multinational.

Which is what he was, Jack. Yes, Jill. But that is not the mpression we want to give.

Because it doesn't look good if we applaud the killing of people who stood in the way of our legitimate oil expansion. Good Lord, no. I suppose it

Not very good PR. Absolutely. Phew, I'm glad you noticed that in time. So, how do you suggest starting this press release?

doesn't.

Well, for a start, I think we have to try to drop the word You don't think it's a tragic

death, Jack? I am not saying that. All I am saying is that it was the result of a perfectly legitimate trial carried out by the Nigerian government. The very same Nigerian government who are so supportive of our oil operations ..

... Which are perfectly legitimate.

In the same way that the operations of the Nigerian gov-

ini are legiumate Well, yes, perhaps. In any case, if we call the outcome of Saro-Wiwa's trial "tragic", the Nigerian government may say ...

May legitimately say ... May legitimately say that we are not entitled to call the verdicts of their courts "tragic" and may be less well disposed to support our oil operations. Our perfectly legitimate oil

operations? The very same. The legitimate oil operations which are ruining the tribal heartlands of the Ogoni people?

This is no time for joking,

How to Write A Press Jill. In any case, why does everyone keep calling them the tribal heartlands of the Ogoni people?

Because the Ogoni people

have been there for hundreds of years, Jack.

Yes, but the oil has been there for thousands of years. So, what you are trying to say is that ...

They may be heartlands, yes, but these are oil heartlands, not Ogoni heartlands. Right! Meaning that they

are our heartlands .. And we have more right than the Ogonis to be there. Absolutely. Entre nous, of

Right. That sort of statement isn't for PC.

Public consumption.
Right. So shall we have another stab at that opening

sentence? Shell Oil regrets exceedingly that the death of Ken Saro-Wiwa was caused directly by so many



### MILES KINGTON

worldwide protests and intemperate demonstrations against his sentence. In other words, we regret that his death was brought on by the very people who sought to avoid it, whereas only someone with the presence in Nigeria of Shell Oil, and with the unique local experience of Shell Oil, could have recommended the correct course of action to lead to his stay of execution. That is to say, extensive bribery.

Hold hard, there, Jill. Yes, Jack?

You are saying that bribery works wonders in Nigeria? Yes. I am saying that. To get anywhere in Nigeria, you have to apply "dash".

What you have said there makes it sound as if Shell Oil indulges in massive bribery. Heaven forfend, Jack! Never! All I have said is that the nigerians accept oribes on a massive scale. Everyone knows

And where do these bribes come from?

It is a mystery. No one knows. It's quite uncanny. Certainly not from us.

Certainly not. So let's try that opening sentence again.
We at Shell Oil feel that if only Ken Saro-Wiwa had offered large enough bribes to his captors, he would have got out, and therefore it is only his own fault.

It's still not right, Jack. No, it's not. Take a break and try again?

For the Commonwealth, the Nigerian executions have changed everything, says Steve Crawshaw

# After the outrage, the action

A uckland - Rarely has a country so brazenly defied the rest of the world. Even when compared with the old South Africa or Soviet Union, Nigeria's defiance of the world community, and of the Commonwealth in particular, has been in a class of its own. The execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others last week was not, in itself, unique. Plenty of regimes have, in recent years, carried out what John Major described as "judicial murder". But the timing of the Saro-Wiwa hangings made it plain that the military regime was deliberatery almost gleefully, seeking to provoke the Commonwealth.

First came the death sentences

### Confirmation of the sentence was timed to send a blunt message to the summit leaders

themselves on Saro-Wiwa and the others, the week before the Auckland summit. Conceivably the timing of those sentences could still be regarded as coincidental. Then came the confirmation of the sentences. This followed direct appeals by Chief Emeka Anyaoku, secretary-general of the Commonwealth and himself a former Nigerian foreign minister, and condemnation from around the world.

There could be no question that this blunt message to the summit leaders, who were already gathering in Auckland. "So, you don't like what we're doing? But what can you do about it? See how little we care about your useless appeals."

This thuggish response left the diplomats floundering. The protests remained muted, full of words like dismay", with calls for "clemency". Simple outrage was not yet the order

of the day. This was partly because of a fear that too much tough talking might backfire. In addition, many countries - most notably, Britain and South Africa - genuinely seemed to believe that they still had time to deliberate. But, when Ken Wiwa, Saro-Wiwa's son, announced in Auckland on Friday afternoon that the execution squad had come to his father's jail, and had been turned away only because of a bureaucratic blip that could quickly be rectified, the previously energetic Mr Wiwa seemed to crumple, as though he knew that everything was over.

None the less, officials remained almost nonchalant, emphasising that



confirmation was timed to send a Commonwealth challenge: Ken Saro-Wiwa, the executed writer; his son Ken Wiwa at the Auckland Photographs: Reuters/AP conference, and Nelson Mandela, whose appeal for a reprieve was ignored

there would be time enough, at the weekend, to discuss what to do next. They were thus not just shocked but humiliated by the news - which broke a couple of hours before they flew off next morning to their luxury, leisured retreat - that Saro-Wiwa had indeed been executed overnight, New Zealand time. When, on Saturday morning, President Mandela emerged from his hotel to deliver a brief statement, he insisted: "I think I handled it correctly. I have no regrets at all." But his weary, almost plaintive tone, as a small group of us battered him with questions, seemed to tell a different story. For a moment, as he stood on the hotel steps, the self-confident, kingly Mandela seemed to have vanished.

If there is a positive spin-off from the events of the past few days - and it is still a large if - it could be the new-found determination of the Commonwealth not to allow this to hap-

pen again.

If Saro-Wiwa were still alive today,
the Commonwealth's weekend dis-

cussion of how to punish "errant states" (to use the local buzzword) would have been much more hesitant and confused. While Saro-Wiwa was still alive, the argument that badly behaved countries might be provoked into being even worse-behaved still carried weight with many delegates. Others were wary of creating a framework in which Nigeria could be punished - rightly fearing that they, too,

might be vulnerable to reproach. But the executions changed everything. Suddenly, there was nothing more to lose. There were no longer "hostages", to quote one Commonwealth official's word. And there was

offended dignity to be recovered.

In his opening speech on Friday,
Chief Anyaoku had described the Harare declaration of 1991, which emphasised the importance of democracy and human rights, as "our guid-ing compass". That declaration now seemed genuinely relevant.

Thus Commonwealth leaders were spurred into quickly agreeing yes-terday's guide on How to Kick NonDemocrats into Line - which provides for what officials describe as "a ladder of measures", up to and including possible economic sanctions and expulsion.

On Saturday's decision to suspend Nigeria from the Commonwealth, there was just one dissenting vote from Gambia, which itself has a military regime. The other countries' ambivalence about relying on the "guiding compass" was suddenly

These events mark an extraordinary change in the nature of the Commonwealth. It used to be an organisation in which democracy almost happily cohabited with dictatorship. South Africa-bashing was an easy pas-time, which everybody could safely indulge in. What member states did to their own political opponents was judged to be nobody else's business: it was impolite to comment, let alone

Now, that has changed - and Nigeria, until now one of the most important countries in the Commonwealth,

Failure to act boldly can be lethal for those the Commonwealth fails to defend

The Commonwealth has continued to expand: South Africa rejoined last year, Cameroon joined this month, and Mozambique's application will officially be approved today.

But those optimistic signals for the organisation's future remain

ambiguous even now. The death of Saro-Wiwa and his colleagues showed that the organisation's failure to act boldly can be lethal for those whom the Commonwealth fails to defend. In the longer term, the failures could be lethal for the Commonwealth itself. The organisation's effectiveness will be judged on how the measures agreed yesterday are enforced in practice. Certainly there is no shortage of abuses of human rights, even now. It is worth noting, too, that the question of sanctions - in other words, a measure that would hurt the punishers, not just the punished - has scarcely been raised.

If yesterday's agreement can be made to work, then the Commonwealth could still be far from irrelevant. Equally, Britain's loss of importance within the Commonwealth is not necessarily a reason to suggest, as some critics have begun to do, that the Commonwealth is now outdated, or that Britain itself should leave.

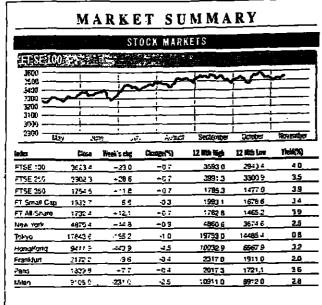
Chief Anyaoku declared shortly before last week's executions: "No country can afford to live in isolation from the rest of the world." The Commonwealth now has the chance to show, by making its threats and its actions against Nigeria's military rulers consistent with its rhetoric, that it can

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### IN BRIEF

### Caradon director in line for pay-off

Daniel Cohen, who is to step down as a director of the Caradon building products group, could be in line for a pay-off of up to £750,000. The Alpine double glazing to Twyfords bathroom group confirmed his impending departure yesterday, alongside a new management structure which will see the seven business divisions reporting directly to the chief executive. Peter Jansen, in future. Caradon has also appointed headhunters to seek a candidate to occupy a new post of chief operating officer. Mr Cohen's basic salary was just over £250,000 last year and he is thought to be on a three-year contract like other directors. However, it is likely that his compensation for loss of office will be lower than his contract would imply.

### Lloyd Webber 'ready to spend £100m'

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, the millionaire composer, is said to be ready to invest up to £100m in a bid for the newspaper interests of United News & Media, including the Daily Express. Mr Lloyd Webber was quoted over the weekend as suggesting the principle of running newspapers was the same as for musicals. He is believed to be looking for partners to share costs.

### Airbus vies for \$5bn Singapore order

The European aircraft consortium Airbus Industrie is this week expecting to be vying with Boeing of the US for an order from Singapore Airlines worth at least \$5bn, according to industry sources. The result of the tender for at least 33 new mediumsized, medium-range passenger aircraft for Asian routes, is to be announced tomorrow. Unlike previous orders, Singapore is thought likely to appoint a sole supplier, rather than splitting it between different aircraft makers.

### Fund managers expect Labour to win

An overwhelming number of fund managers believe Labour will win the next general election. Ninety-five per cent of respondents to the latest Merrill Lynch-Gallup survey say the party will win the largest number of scats. But although they remain op-timistic about prospects for UK equities three months and one year out, fund managers are not enthusiastic about increasing their exposure to the UK market. A mere 1 per cent balance want to raise UK equity holdings compared with 32 per cent ready to increase their investment in the Pacific Basin. Hong Kong is the most favoured.

### PowerGen looks at Philippines project

PowerGen, the electricity generation group, is said to be interested in building a 300-megawatt coal-fired plant in the Philippines with Chinese contractor Shanghai Electric Corporation. Officials from Manila Electric Company said over the weekend that PowerGen was considering the technical and financial aspects of the \$335m project.

### Newsagents keep up monopoly protest

The National Federation of Retail Newsagents is to continue with its campaign to have the newspaper wholesaling industry referred to the Office of Fair Trading. At a meeting with the wholesalers today to be chaired by Edward Leigh, the former trade minister, the newsagents trade body will argue that proposals by WH Smith and John Menzies to redistribute their wholesaling interests will increase their monopoly control of the business.

### BT 'faces big job cuts'

British Telecom will have to cut over 100,000 jobs if it goes ahead with a proposed fibre-optic information superhighway deal with Labour, a City analyst has claimed. According to a weekend press report. James Dodd of Kleinwort Benson Securities has suggested the reduction, amounting to around three-quarters of the current workforce, would come as a result of the lower maintenance costs with fibre-optic cable.

# Salomon blow to Stock Exchange

### JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

The Stock Exchange is to suf-fer another body blow this week when Salomon Brothers, a leading US investment bank, announces it is abandoning London for trading European

Similar decisions are also said to be imminent from several other big international houses, in-cluding Lehman Brothers, providing final confirmation that the challenge by Seaq Interna-tional, the Exchange's trading facility, to the likes of Frankfurt "Seaq International is dead.

market making at a big London firm. The Exchange has already been stung by criticism that it has not kept up with market developments. Rudolph Mueller, chairman of UBS UK, recently accused the exchange of failing to take the lead in forging cooperative arrangements

The London exchange are the Luddites of the stock mar-kets. Having dominated 10 years ago, they are now among the most inefficient, on a par with Greece and Poland, when it comes to price fixing and transacting business," said the

with continental exchanges.

This is the beginning of the exit head of equities at a leading instampede," said the head of ternational investment bank.

An important catalyst is the beginning of "remote trading" across the European Union. An investment bank authorised to trade in one member state will be able to apply for membership on other European exchanges without having a physical presence there. This was an important consideration behind NatWest Markets' decision late last month to delist from near-

on Seaq International. Investment bankers stressed that the eroding power of the Stock Exchange would have little effect on London as the

ly all continental share trading

don-based investment banks remain the centre of cross-border equity business, and the fact that they do not transact it on Seaq International in no way diminishes the importance of London," said a senior banker.

Seaq International was set up in the mid-eighties, when ineffient European exchanges were unable to handle the flow of cross-border investment. London rapidly became the centre for trading European shares, but the continental bourses fought back with modernisation. While London stuck to its quote-driven system, dom-

pre-eminent European financial inated by the powerful market-centre. The truth is that Lon-making firms, the European exupdated with changes automated, order-driven trading systems, preferred by most international investment banks. "The LSE should have moved to an order-driven system in the late eighties. Instead, it was cowed by its City establishment

members and has lost out." said a head of equities trading. The London exchange used to argue that the success of Seaq International proved the superiority of quote-driven trading. Its passing away may be a pre-cursor of changes to the way domestic equity is traded," noted

of the old, British market-making establishment have been shifting the balance in the trading system debate. SBC Warburg has ceased trading German equities in London Both Merrill Lynch, owner of Smith New Court, and Elem wort Benson, bought by Dresdner Bank, are urgently reviewing their options. "As far as European stocks go, Seaq in. ternational is no more than an advertising builetin. Its role is now in emerging markets, helping trade Turkish, Indian stocks and the like," said a head of

market making.

CBI conference: Politicians fight it out for the hearts and minds of business leaders in Birmingham

# Blair faces a cold shoulder from industry

PETER RODGERS MARY FAGAN and JOHN RENTOUL

Business leaders yesterday rejected Tony Blair's overtures for a partnership between industry and the Labour Party and said contacts between the two were merely a dialogue.

Mr Blair is this morning to step up his drive to win over industry to Labour's new policies in a keynote speech at the Confederation of British Industry conference in Birmingham, where he will praise the benefits of an enterprise economy. But against a background of

growing concern among senior industrialists and Tory cabinet ministers that the CBI has been aligning itself too closely with Labour, Sir Bryan Nicholson, president of the employers' organisation, said: "It is equally important that we listen to the Government in power as to precisely which lines of policy they are going to continue to propagate, because after all they hold the levers of power.

The central thrust of Mr-Blair's address is expected to be that Britain should become a "nation of entrepreneurs". He will take issue with John Major's Blackpool conference ambition for Britain to become the "enterprise centre of Europe", describing this as "a fantasy unless and until we become the

knowledge capital of Europe". Mr Blair will emphasise the change in the Labour Party since John Smith addressed the CBI in 1993, and stress its conversion to "the enterprise of the market and the rigour of competition", enshrined in the party's new constitution.

Mr Blair's speech will set out Labour's economic policy across a broad front, with education and skills at the core. Labour's stance on training became clearer last week as the 1992 policy of a levy on companies that did not spend enough on training was finally lic expenditure. It is an dropped, to be replaced with a essential, not a luxury."

plan for individual "learning accounts, to which employees. companies and the taxpayer would contribute.

Sir Bryan said that with the Labour Party "you are not talking about a partnership, you are talking about a dialogue. The question CBI members most frequently asked him was: "Are you making certain that in the event there is going to be a Labour administration you have been talking to them properly and putting our views across? Distancing himself from the view among some that Labour is the government in waiting he added: "With 18 months to go, I think members reckon that anything could happen.

Adair Turner, CBI director general, welcomed the "apparent shift in the overall tone of Labour's approach to business' but he called on Labour to clarify its policy in a number of areas, including personal taxation. and in particular to confirm the party has "truly rejected the polities of envy" on top marginal rates of taxation.

He also resurrected the deep business and Labour on the minimum wage and on the party's policy of dropping the optout on the European social

With reports last week that the Government had £5bn of tax cuts in its sights, the CBI warned that its members were vociferously opposed to tax cuts above £3bn. A survey of members on Budget priorities said only 5 per cent favoured of tax cuts above £3bn. Education was first or second priority for 79 per cent. Sir Bryan said "We are very anxious the gains achieved aren't put at risk in the

Budget for political reasons." The CBI was opposed to tax cuts that did not match up to economic fundamentals, Mr Turner said. "The thing we do not want to see is cuts in the education and training part of pub-

# CBI president Bryan Nicholson (left) and director general Adair Turner affoat in Birmingham yesterday Photograph: Reuter Redwood forces Lang vows progress-Europe debate

### **MARY FAGAN** and PETER RODGERS

inet minister, will thrust the row over Europe back onto centre stage at the CBI conference by staging a last-minute fringe meeting at lunchtime today. Mr Redwood's debate will

come immediately after the official CBI debate on Europe and is in danger of stealing the limelight from Michael Heseltine, the deputy prime minister, who is scheduled to speak later in the day.

Adair Turner, director-general of the CBL denied that the organisation had been embarrassed by Mr Redwood's intervention. He said CBI policies reflected solid majorities of opinion among members but added that on issues such as European monetary union they had called for a "rational factbased debate".

He said the issue had not been debated in an open and ra-tional fashion in the past and the

clarity about the legal standing

of the new currency in the pe-

riod between the locking of ex-

change rates on 1 January 1999 and the moment when nation-

al currencies are replaced. The

fringe meeting was "thoroughly to be welcomed". A CBI sur- blockages that have prevented space in the programme and vey last week showed most a long-awaited reform of com-time in Parliament - not all of the door on monetary union.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, CBI president, acknowledged the existence of an Euro-sceptic movement in the CBI but he himself could not attend Mr Redwood's forum. I am busy at the main meeting."

He said there were disenchanted minorities within the CBI because it was a diverse organisation. CBI officials said with no official lunchtime speaker, Mr Redwood had

timed his intervention well. Mr Redwood's fringe meeting contrasts starkly with the official flavour of the morning debate, which features enthusiastic pro-European business-men such as Niall Fitzgerald, a vice chairman of the Anglo-Dutch giant Unilever and Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, as well as Sir Leon Brittan, vice president of the European Commission.

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continue to be seen as entirely

distinct. "This sends a message

that Germany wants to retain

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The Bundesbank has also

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But he said he had new ideas

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petition policy. writes Peter

In 1993, the Government

said it would give new and

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# Fears over single currency

### **Economics Editor**

The European Monetary Institute, forerunner of a European Central Bank, will unveil tomorrow its plans for the introduction of a single currency. But the signs are that the report will not meet key concerns about the credibility of the transition process, mainly because of footdragging by the Bundesbank, sources close to the EMI said.

The failure of the report to come up with a convincing plan for the transition to a single currency is all the more important since the document will play a

bring about European monetary union. Finance ministers will consider it when they meet in two weeks time and it will then figure, along with the Eu-ropean Commission's Green Paper and any subsequent revisions, in the decisions of European leaders at the Madrid

up with a robust changeover seenario, this is bound to fuel fears in the markets that it will all fall apart," said Graham Bishop of Salomon Brothers,

immit next month. "If the report does not come One principal demand of fi-nancial markets has been for

worry is banks that mismatch their balance-sheets, with liabilities in, say, Deutschemark and assets in the new Euro-currency, could face enormous losses should the new system un-

Euro-currency is legally identical to existing national currencies. However, the Germans insisted on an alternative option, under which the Euro-curren-

A solution would be to say the

apparently held out against the EMI deciding in principle how the European Central Bank should operate in the period be-

tween the decision by the European Council on those participating in EMU and the actual locking of exchange rates. Instead it is insisting that key decisions on the conduct of monetary policy be left until after the ECB is actually set up.

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a "pruning" of staff and a de-

cision to reduce the size of the

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# New broom sweeps Hambros

### MAGNUS GRIMOND

Heads are expected to roll at Hambros, the merchant bank, as it grapples with a slump in in-terim profits to be announced on Wednesday. Some of the old guard are likely to be moved aside after the expected ap-pointment of Sir Chips Keswick. joint deputy chairman, to a newly created position of chief executive, with younger executives being given more senior positions in the bank.

The retirement of John Heywood, head of treasury and de-

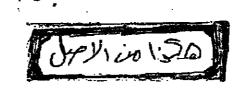
though Hambros is likely to stress this has no connection with the changes. The reshuffle will come as Hambros reveals that profits have slid from £21.5m in the first half of 1994. The group could even report losses, after being hit by restructuring charges expected to be around £10m, the fail-out from the Barings collapse and a half-way deficit of £5.82m in the estate agency subsidiary,

The extent of the restructuring may disappoint sharehold-

Hambro Countrywide.

ers, who have seen the shares tumble from 458p in early 1994 to 195p on Friday. Hambros has already decided to get out of equities, closing an Australian broking business and halting further growth in South Africa, but further cut-backs in the bank's disparate range of businesses are thought unlikely. The 50 per cent stake in

Hambro Countrywide, which has racked up close to £100m trading losses in the past fiveand-a-half years, and in Hambro Insurance Services, are likely to be retained. Instead, the



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The President of the Board of Trade is determined to drive a wedge between the CBI and business-friendly Labour, writes Peter Rodgers

# Winning back industry to the Tories

Trade, has a splendid opportunity this against all the things Labour wanted to win industry portunity this ed to do. They just have to make week to win industry back for the Tories when he addresses what could be the most politicised CBI conference for years.

The new President, who stepped into the job in the summer when Mr Heseltine became deputy prime minister, has a message for employers as they arrive at their conference in Birmingham; wake up and recognise their real friends.

The CBI's senior people, led by the director general, Adair Turner, have made clear their willingness to enter a serious policy dialogue with Labour, displaying a pragmatic at-titude to political change that has rattled Tory strategists and made some business leaders uncomfortable.

Tony Blair is due to take the rostrum this morning to present the new face of Labour policy to industry and the economy, Michael Heseltine responds after lunch and Mr Lang will follow on Tuesday with a speech focused on the labour market. Gillian Shephard for Education and Employment and Virginia Bottomley, National Heritage, will also address the conference.

Speaking last week at his office in London Mr Lang said: "I think business is sensible enough not to take at face value what is being said by a party that has done so much damage to business in previous periods in power." The softening of Labour's formerly anti-business approach was a pretence, he said,

"If they take at face value the lip service Gordon Brown is paying to fiscal and economic responsibility

they are in for a rude awakening." As for the CBI's closer dealings with Labour, Mr Lang said: "I hope they aren't being taken for a ride." On specifics, he said, the CBI was

their minds up and acknowledge that we have been fighting for them. They had better wake up to their own self interest. Most of the businessmen I speak to aren't being taken in. They are well aware of where their inter-

In a speech tomorrow Mr Lang will concentrate on the employers' most sensitive spot - fears of uniondominated industrial relations, demarcation disputes and strikes under Labour. Mr Lang will praise flexibility in the labour market as necessary for enhancing quality of life, improving skills and wages and breaking down barriers to employ-

But what the argument is really about - the wedge Mr Lang would clearly love to drive in further be-

### THE MONDAY INTERVIEW

### IAN LANG

companies if it were adopted by Labour. He does, however, plan to confirm tomorrow that the Gov-

ernment will streamline the UK's in-dustrial tribunal system. The CBI has made clear that where mainstream Department of Trade and Industry policies are con-cerned – such as help for small businesses, trade promotion, and work on competitiveness - it sees consid-

continuity, whoever wins the election. This suggestion of policy convergence is a red rag to a bull for Mr Lang. He said Labour would ruin, for example, the privately run Busi-

the two parties, and perhaps even

Mr Heseltine took with him to the Cabinet Office. So has that put the DTI – and Mr Lang's role – in the shade, especially given Mr Heseltine's ability to attract publicity? Mr Lang denied he had any problem: "It is a collective effort, not something see in personality terms at all."

He insisted that competitiveness was still a big story at the DTI. "It is absolutely essential to what we are trying to do. You can no more take competitiveness out of the DTI than you could change our bloodstream.

"What Michael Heseltine is now responsible for is injecting competcrable common ground between itiveness into every other government department. The same is true of deregulation.

"I regard my department's position as stronger now than it was before because he and I are both injecting the industry interest into it

Industry just has to acknowledge that we have been fighting for them. They had better wake up to their own self-interest'

tween employers and the Labour Party – is the minimum wage and the European social chapter, the package of industrial relations policies from which the UK has opted out. These are the two big areas where the CBI is at the moment point blank opposed to Labour, and is not in se-

rious dialogue. Mr Lang said the CBI estimates £4.5bn as the cost of a £4 minimum wage. His own officials estimate that if only half of previous wage differentials were restored by other workers, the number of job losses would be 900,000. "This is a stag-

geringly dangerous policy," he said. Mr Lang was equally critical of the

by putting them under the influence of local authorities.

In the wake of Labour's controversial deal with BT over rewiring Britain, Mr Lang will emphasis that his agenda is also close to big business. The BT deal, which he attacked as anti-competitive, of doubtful propriety and against consumers' in-terests, was "all for a quick fix, a quick soundbite. One can't grace that with the word strategy".

One of the significant changes in the summer ministerial reshuffle was that the DTI lost responsibility for the Government's competitivesocial chapter and its impact on UK ness and deregulation policies, which

ness Links network of small firms ser- and encouraging other departments vices that has been set up by the DTL, to come up to the mark instead of

just one of us doing it. Mr Lang will also be using the conference to praise the new benchmarking services to be launched by the CBI and the DTI. These are lowcost methods with which small and medium firms will be able to measure their performance against the best industry standards and work out how to improve competitiveness.

"What is important is that business itself takes possession of this initiative. It shouldn't be imposed or handed down from Government."

He relished a compliment a few weeks ago from Howard Davies, the

England and former CBI director general, who described the new benchmarking services as "the exciting thought in this year's com-petitiveness White Paper".

Mr Lang was wary of discussing the most controversial item in his intray: the wholesale restructuring of the electricity industry that has re-sulted in £14bn of bids. He has not yet referred any of them to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Lang made clear he is not un-happy with the new shape of the industry, which from 1998 will have to face the challenge of competition in

the domestic supply market. Competition in electricity is essentially safeguarded by the regulatory system, he said. Some view competition as best maintained by keeping the pure structure of the industry as it was when it was privatised. Others say this produces an artificial and protected situation and that market forces are the best guarantees of competition. There is no doubt where Mr Lang's sympathies lie: "I hope the industry is becoming stronger and more robust. ... What is important is that the regulator can still gain access to the data

he needs to do the job. He revealed that the Government is prepared to have another look at the wider system of utility regulation. " I don't think it is necessary to go back to the drawing board. But he is prepared to look at some aspects of what he regards as an evolving situation, especially since the later regulators to be installed have rather different powers and duties from the earlier ones.

However, Mr Lang warned those regulators with ambitions to broaden their remits, such as Don Cruickshank of Oftel, that he has a sceptical new deputy governor of the Bank of attitude to empire-building.



Uphill climb: Ian Lang will stress his support for big business in the wake of Labour's BT deal Photograph: Great Scot International

# NFC faces legal action over pension surplus

**BARRIE CLEMENT** Labour Editor

The rail freight business privatised 13 years ago under an "employee-friendly" management buyout has been threatened with legal action for allegedly short-changing 25,000 pensioners and their depend-

the first big privatisation under the Thatcher government, faced angry former employees last week insisting that a £263m surplus in the pension fund, which makes up 138 per cent of its liabilities, should be used partly to increase benefits to pen-

Sir Norman Fowler, who was Secretary of State for Transport and Environment between 1979 and 1981, is among the company's non-executive di-

company were owned by employees and their families at the time of its privatisation in 1982. the figure is now nearer 40 per

The pensioners, who say they receive an average of £30 a week, argue that the company is refusing to sanction a rise in benefits in order to continue its "pensions holiday", which has already lasted seven

The RMT rail union said one of its members with 32 years' pensionable service at the company was receiving £25 a week and another with 20 years

the company has saved around £200m in contributions. A process could take some time. spokesman for RMT said pensioners believed they were being denied their legitimate on an in pension rights. "At least Dick forded.

While 83 per of shares in the Turpin wore a mask," the RMT official said.

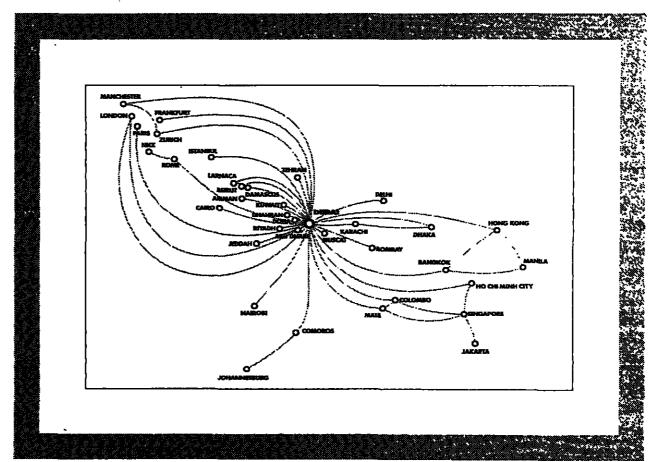
Speaking at the fund's annual general meeting in Birmingham last Thursday, members of the union warned the company that the case would be taken to the Pensions Ombudsman and court action was under active consideration.

Pensioners point out that the fund trustees agreed to recommend a rise in benefits but that the board vetoed the in-

At the annual general meeting the company agreed to review the situation and compare payouts to its pensioners with those to former employees of The union calculates that other organisations in the industry, but warned that the

A spokeswoman said the company would look favourably on an increase if it could be af-

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### TODAY

### Companies

A slight slowdown in passenger growth, notably on short haul routes, is expected to lead to normalised profits at BAA of about £287m. Revenues per passenger are anticipated to rise, with costs falling, giving a reasonable improvement in

operating margins. Finals: Carr's Milling Industries, Sidlaw Group, Utility

Interims: British Steel, Cranswick, Critchley Group, Finshury Trust, General Cable (Q3), London Industrial, Renold. Rexmore, James Smith Estates, Trinity Care.

Economics Figures for prices charged at the factory gate and prices paid by manufacturers for their fuel and materials are expected to confirm earlier surveys suggesting that the earlier in-flationary surge has eased. Statistics: producer prices (Oct), national food survey annual report (1994).

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In the past year, General Ac-cident has outperformed the market and analysts generally believe the company to be in a healthy position to meet challenges in years ahead. GA's purchase of Provident Mutual will give the company a far greater presence in the personal pensions market, which is forecast to grow substantially despite the present mis-selling

Borthwicks, Carnell, Chamberlin & Hill, General Accident (Q3), Great Portland Estates, Guardian Media Group, Mar-shalls, Jarvis Porter, Sedgwick Group. Suzuki Motors, Group, Suzuki Motors, Wilshaw, Wyndeham Press Share price movement

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October is expected to have been another weak month for

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Financial markets will be far more preoccupied with the budget battle between the President and Congress this Statistics: acquisitions and mergers involving UK compa-

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### Companies Expect muted results from

Dickie, Fenner, Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets, Kleinwort European, Wardle Storeys, Westpac Banking Hambros, which has been going through a tough time of late. following heavy reorganisation costs at the bank. Hambros' problems are simple: flat revenue, coupled with rising costs.

Finding and developing niche markets means further expense. Results at the company's insurance services division, which could have boosted profits, were virtually unchanged last week.
Finals: Millwall Holdings.

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Interims: British Gas (Q3),
Commercial Union (Q3),
Dawson Intl, DCC. Essex & Suffolk Water, Flogas, F&C Income Growth Inv Trust, Forward Group, Greenway Holdings, Hambros, Jersey

Electricity, Land Securities, Lazard Select Inv Trust, Oxford Instruments, Property Partnerships, Telegraph (Q3), Unigate, Volex Group.

The labour market and retail sales figures for October will be the last important clues about the strength of the British economy before the 28 No-

Market Committee meets. No change in interest rates is anticipated. Figures for October industrial production and consumer prices are likely to show small rise in inflation and fall in output growth.

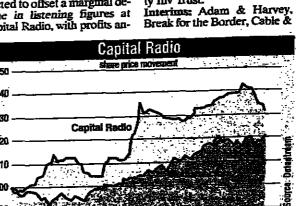
Statistics: retail sales (Oct).

labour market statistics: claimant unemployment and average earnings indices (Sept prov), employment, hours. productivity and unit wage costs, industrial disputes, training programme participants, long-term unemployment -quarterly analysis of unem-ployment by age and duration.

### THURSDAY

Growth in advertising is expected to offset a marginal de-cline in listening figures at Capital Radio, with profits anticipated to be in the region of £25.7m, boosted by the acquisition of Southern Radio. Capital Radio's listening figures. though down from 19.1 to 18 per cent, are seen by analysts as remarkable given the competitive nature of the London market.

Finals: Capital Radio, Fidelity Japan OTC, Finsbury Growth Trust, Glasgow Income Trust, Wigmore Property Inv Trust.



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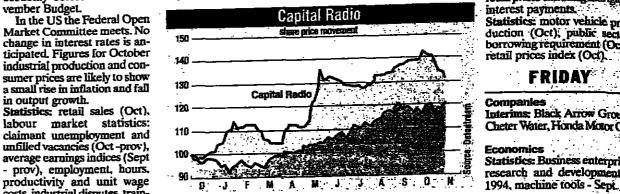
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Two important figures for the assessment of the Budger strategy are today's retail price and public sector borrowing requirement releases. City comomists expect headline inflation to improve but an increase in the targeted measure retail prices excluding mortgage nterest payments. Statistics: motor vehicle pro-duction (Oct), public sector borrowing requirement (Oct), retail prices index (Oct).

### FRIDAY

Interims: Black Arrow Group Cheter Water, Honda Motor Co.

Statistics: Business enterprise research and development



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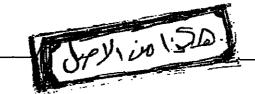
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The financial markets cannot be duped. .A reckless economic strategy will simply result in a financial crisis

before the election'

# Tax cuts a risk Tories cannot afford to take

he Deputy Prime Minister has apparently | term. Let us call them the good government been impressed by confidential evidence linking the electoral performance of governments to the growth in real consumers. expenditure in the 12 months before a general election. Hardly a revelation, one is tempted to say. But it is striking how eager politicians and commentators are to devour. new "relationships" between economic variables and political behaviour. Real disposable income, base rates, consumer confidence, inflation, unemployment, the balance of payments - all have been made the central economic variable in explaining voter preferences according to statistical stud-

ies in the past 20 years.

Many of these studies unfortunately rest on shaky foundations. I remain persuaded by a "kosher" econometric study conducted a few years ago by David Walton of Goldman Sachs. This showed that once allowance had been made for the electoral cycle – the regular collages in grantunant support in regular collapse in government support in the mid-term protest season, followed by a sharp pre-election recovery - there was almost no systematic role left for economic variables in explaining government support. Obviously, this is not to deny the general importance of the economy on politics. It is just to deny that its influence is simple or stable enough to be precisely measured.

Moods matter, not maths. Instead of trying to measure the unmeasurable, the Government should worry about devising a clear strategy to maximise its electoral chances. I have been asking acquaintances in the Tory Party what they believe the central electoral strategy is, or should be, for the next 18 months. This tends to elicit blank stares. Either they think the game is already over, or they see no alternative to just ploughing ahead and hoping something turns up.

No doubt the Prime Minister and Chancellor are more focused than this. It seems to me that there are three basic strategies they could follow in the remainder of their strategy, the tax cut strategy and the base rate strategy. They are not wholly exclusive of each other but they do represent three distinct paths, and the Budget will essentially tell us which the Government has chosen.

The case for the good government strategy is the following: The electorate is a more sophisticated animal than is generally assumed. Voters will not be impressed by a crude preelection bribe they expect will be reversed immediately after polling day. Furthermore, the financial markets cannot be duped. A reckless economic strategy will simply result in a financial crisis before the election, and this time it will not be credible to blame a collapse on the markets' fear of the opposition. Instead it will be seen as the final judgement on, and

rejection of, Tory policy.

Also, the economic outlook on the good government ticket is not too bad, so maybe nothing much need be changed. The Bank of England's Inflation Report last week pointed out that real earnings for those in work have barely risen during the present economic recovery (see graph), but that the full impact

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by the Tax and Price Index

of three years of rising taxes has now been felt. In the next 18 months, real disposable income should rise much faster, and in addition there will be a series of "windfall gains" for the consumer.

These gains will together amount to an in-credible £14.3bn, or 3 per cent of disposable income. Since the vast majority of this will come from the proceeds of mergers in the financial services industry, it is not clear how much of the credit will accrue to the Government. But it can scarcely fail to out the electorate in a better mood, and is certain to boost consumers' expenditure in

the election run-up.

Nevertheless, it has not been enough to persuade the right of the Tory Party that there s no need for tax cuts before the election. Snatching back the tax card from Labour is, for them, the key to winning the election.

Of course, sizeable tax cuts can be made

compatible with the good government tick-et if they are genuinely imanced from cuts in public spending, with no addition to the Budget deficit. That seems to be what the a hero with his party on Budget day. But would

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ingly demanded large tax cuts almost regardless of the consequences for the public services. And, surprisingly, we have heard barely a squeak from the centre/left of the party, which must surely have some misgivings about the damage to the public services that might be done in the reckless pursuit

of tax cuts next year. The Chancellor and Prime Minister have swung entirely behind the right on this ques-tion. If we are to believe press stories last week, the Budget could contain around £5on of tax cuts, with around £3bn of this being financed by expenditure "cuts". This would involve a 1 per cent drop in real public spending next year, a wholly unprecedented out-come in a pre-election year. Pay bills in the public services would be frozen for another year, capital spending would be slashed in the rather forlorn hope that projects would be financed by the private finance initiative instead, and Whitehall procurement costs

would be reduced by some 5 per cent. No doubt this would make the Chancellor

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Potential 'windfalls'

Lloyds Bank joining with Chettenham & Gloucester

Abbey National take over of National and Provincial

Permanent Building Society and conversion to plc

Source: Bank of England Initiation Report

1995 H2 Lloyds Bank marger with TSB

Regional electricity company rebates

Halifax Building Society merger with Leeds

\* At current prices . \*\* Annual personal disposable income in 1994

right of the party wants. They have increas- | such a Budget be compatible with the good government ticket? I rather doubt it, for two reasons. First, there comes a stage where public spending cuts become too large to be plausible, or where they start to do too much damage to the public infrastructure to be worthwhile. This stage may now have been reached. Certainly, large cuts in capital spending next year, with the construction in-

spending flext year, with the construction industry in its present parlous state, would be quite straightforwardly the wrong thing to do.

Second, this Budget package would leave the public sector borrowing requirment worryingly high, probably at around £20-22bn (3 per cent of GDP) next year. This would be a second for the state of the second leaves th be about £8bn higher than planned last year, even if the spending targets were hit. In the much more likely case that spending overshoots its target, the PSBR really would be much too high for this stage of the economic

It is mainly because of concerns about the PSBR that it would be better to deviate from the straight and narrow by cutting base rates, rather than taking risks with tax cuts - in or-ther words, following the third possible strategy. But the received wisdom in the Tory Party is that this would not be an unmitigated blessing, since many of their own activists rely on interest receipts for a large part of their income. In addition, it is thought that Bank of England Governor Eddie George bars the path to sizeable base rate cuts. Anyway, for whatever reason, the political pressure for tax cuts is currently much, much stronger than the pressure for lower base rates.

Until now, the Chancellor has carried con-viction when he has argued that the best chance of winning the election is to stick with the good government ticket. But he may now be veering towards the tax cut option, financed by huge but ultimately implausible 'cuts" in public spending. The eventual loser would be the health of the public finances. Let us hope Mr Clarke proves these fears unfounded on Budget day.

# Spinning wheels in a Wild West

A year ago, the British con-struction company MacRae International began work on a 1,200-house residential estate nearly half a century spent cut on the outskirts of the Albanian capital, Tirana. The company had signed a contract with the government. It even had buyers lined up for its solid tim-

ber-frame houses Sounds watertight enough, right? Wrong. Albania may be one of Europe's fastest-growing economies, but it was also its wildest, and in one fell swoop everything went to hell.

Because of the government's land privatisation programme, pecially in win-MacRae suddenly found that in-ter; water is stead of one business partner - unsafe to drink the state – it was dealing with and available for only a few – for example Coca Cola, which several hundred private hours a day, and so on. has built a \$9.5m bottling plant several landowners. Several months and \$700,000 (£450,000) of wasted investment later, the

project came to a grinding halt. "I'm discovering I have something in common with George Soros," joked MacRae's stoical director for Albania, Martin Stent. "I now have a bunch of

foundations to my name." Four years after the collapse of one of the world's most repressive communist regimes, Albania is still a Wild West for the investor. The opportunities are undeniable - rich resources in minerals and oil, a stunningly beautiful and totally unspoilt coastline ripe for tourism,

cheap labour, and above all a central Tirana are lined with of the taps, but Italian mineral consumer-crazy population technically illegal cafes and water is available everywhere. consumer-crazy population technically illegal cafes and itching to earn and spend after small shops. You can be sure off from the outside world.

But the challenges are also daunting. Laws on such basic issues as land ownership either do not exist or are not respected. There are no private banks and credit is effectively non-existent. There are no more than five miles of decent road in the whole country; telephones are scarce; electricity has a habit of VIEW FROM the

**ALBANIA** pecially in win-

cutting out, es-

Ask any Albanian how to make investments work, and you will be told the real trick is not signing contracts but knowing which public official to pay off. Although denied by the ruling Democratic Party, corruption is a big political issue.

Thus it is that just 3,000 houses have been built with official consent by the national housing agency, but another 42,000 have sprung up illegally. The construction companies involved almost certainly circumvented the bureaucracy by coming to a private agreement with a senior civil servant. Likewise, the boulevards of

someone in some ministry is do-

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ing very well out of them.
"Privatisation has turned into a racket, and the government is raking off the benefits," said Prec Zogaj, a political commentator and member of the centrist Social Democrat party. "Why aren't the banks privatised, for example? Because a private bank can't be relied on to do favours for the govern-ment's friends."

companies fare remarkably well outside Tirana - while others have been blown away. One Italian firm that signed a contract in the first few months of democracy in Albania found its plans for an agribusiness ven-ture blocked after the Democratic Party came to power.

Some foreign

Italy \$5m out of pocket. Foreign investment has kept on coming - around \$200m is believed to be committed to projects in Albania - but the unstable and unpredictable conditions have created an uneven, almost surreal, kind of economic development.

Company chiefs returned to

You can't drink the water out

Albanian buildings arecrumbling visibly, but covered in state-of-the-art television satellite dishes. The roads are packed with Mercedes and BMWs, many stolen in Italy or Greece, but they face a non-stop obstacle course of potholes, puddles and stray rocks.

Government priorities are often more about prestige than practicality. The health ministry recently ordered its third and fourth helicopters for emergency medical rescues, but hospitals still face hygiene problems and supply of basic medicines. Siemens has won a \$30m contract to modernise the airport, though basic im-provements could probably have been carried out for one-

third of the price. "One mistake the Albanians make is to assume all foreigners are filthy rich, and try to rip them off," said Mr Stent. "One mistake foreigners make is to think they can impose their standards in such an environment."

"We need to make life easier for foreign investors," said Ilir Meta of the opposition Socialist Party. But, he conceded in endearingly disjointed English, "it is difficult to have a 'soon' perspective."



Appropriate technology: There are only five miles of car-ANDREW GUMBEL worthy road in all of Albania Photograph: Reuter Photograph: Reuter

# Treasury seeks bigger picture

Economics Correspondent

The Treasury and Bank of England are eager to develop new monthly statistics on Britain's services industries in order to get a better picture of the economy for policy purposes.

Although services are more difficult to monitor than manufacturing, economists at both the Bank and Treasury think the existing monthly statistics make commentators focus too much on manufacturing.

less than a quarter of GNP, com-rapid expansion in telecompared to services' weight of almost two-thirds. Services output rose by 3.2 per cent in the year to the third quarter, compared to a 1.2 per cent rise in manufacturing output. But the weakfigures have set in motion a bandwagon in favour of inter-

est rate cuts. Speaking about the recent Inflation Report, Bank of England chief economist Mervyn King said: "We shall be doing what we can to look at the service sector monthly rather than quarterly." The report said one uncertainty about the inflation outlook was the strength of

demand, and whether the cur-

rent slowdown was temporary. Mr King said the sector of the economy best documented by monthly statistics happened to be the weakest. The divergence between weak manufacturing and strong services opened up in the fourth quarter of last year.

The growth in services during this recovery has been somewhat higher than those in the 1970s and 80s. One of the fastest-growing compared to previous recoveries has been transport and communications - up 5.4 per cent in the year to Manufacturing accounts for the second quarter - thanks to

munications. Michael Heseltine, the deputy prime minister, is also known to be interested in developing better information about the service sector, which er monthly manufacturing encompasses important businesses and big overseas earners ranging from financial services and consultancy to music.

A Treasury spokesman said: "There is a certain amount of interest here in seeing this work progress. It is important to get broader view."

The government's statisticians began work on improving services data 18 months ago. They do not have a firm timetable for completing it.



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**England** 

Pakistan Cricket Board XI 301 England A 199-5

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innings of massive anthority in

Lahore yesterday to improve his

Hussain hit a three-hour 83

his fourth score above 50 in four

fours helped England A to 199

And after a frustrating open-

ing day, the A team's attack also

showed its teeth with Dean

Headley (5-68) and Craig White

(3-74) brushing aside the home

The Pakistan Cricket Board

XI lost their last six wickets for

wickets, continuing to impress

side's lower order.

# **New chase** marred by fatal fall

Racing

GREG WOOD

but on reflection he may wish he had not. The inaugural race over the new cross-country course at the home of jump racing was innovative and diverting, but the entertainment came at a cost as Leagaune, a 13-yearold veteran of 35 races, lost his life at the bank which is the course's "signature" obstacle.

Fourteen runners set out to tackle the mixture of hedges. ditches and railed obstacles which have been arranged on the Cheltenham infield, but it was the ditch and bank, in the centre of the race's convoluted path, which caused particular problems and claimed two fallers. The other tunner to misjudge it completely was Its A Snip, whose oversight could hardly be down to unfamiliarity as he recently won the Velka Pardubicka in the Czech Republic over a similar, but far more demanding, course.

In both cases, the problem seemed to be that the horses tried to clear the bank, rather "Isn't this fun?", the Channel 4 than scramble on to the top, and commentator asked half-way as a result flung themselves, at through the Sporting Index Chase at Cheltenham yesterday. speed, into its face. Its A Snip continued unscathed, but Leagaune had broken his back and could not be saved. McGregor The Third, the

winner, negotiated all 22 ob-RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Gone By (Leicester 4.00)

NB: La Menorquina

(Leicester 1.00)

stacles with an athletic grace which bordered on contempt. and came home clear of Viva Bella and Docklands Express. Gordon Richards's gelding started favourite at 6-4, which may mean that many punters were well aware that he was not

short of useful experience. "I broke him in." Richards said. "but then sent him back to his owner to grow up. His daughter claimed him for threeday eventing and I never thought I'd get him back, but



when she married he came back to me, and is a real prospect. I just don't know how far he will go." Aintree is one possible answer - William Hill offer 25-1 about McGregor The Third's chance in the Grand National.

satisfactory weekend. Though Buckboard Bounce ran poorly in the Mackeson Gold Cup, his

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Stinkers on for the first time might umpore Temps Pardu, but the three-year-olds get plenty of weight and HELLO PETER can capitable on his third behind Temps Perdu's stable-mate, Yubralee, at Warwick 16 days ago. He had just put himself in the picture when meeting the third lost all wrong and losing momentum, otherwise he would have gone close. Bearten stayed on well in the closing stages of that race to put Jobbers Taldde for fifth place, with Le Sorcier seventh, just over three lengths behind Helio Peter. All three should come on for the expendice, but they still have to make up the leeway on Helio Peter and he could be counted a little unlucly. High Flower was a consistent plater on the Flat and had every chance between the last two when a close fourth behind Dawn Mission in a Wetherby juvenile hundle. He did not ready improve on that when only fifth behind Asking at Mantert Rasen nert time, but should be able to do better in this lower grade. Gight has been running consistently and was placed for the burth time when coming again behind Peter Monamy in an Exeter seller 13 days ago. He was seven lengths in front of fourth-placed Lawbuster, who had every chance, and has every hope of place money yet again. Raffaer-I, desprie his

with first every charce, and has every hope of place money yet again. Rafter-J, despite his poor hundling form, is a recent flat wither, as is Jackstack. Selection: HELLO PETER

2.30 MIDLAND HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3m

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Jimmy O'Dea, a habitual from runner, ran his best race for some time at Market Rasen. 11 days ago, jumping better as he warmed up and leading until approaching the final fence. Unfortunately, it was CHANGE THE REISM who came with a ricely-timed run to take it off him and run out the three-length winner. That was Change The Reign's first run since frouning a pedal bone at Windsor in January. He meets the runner-up on only 3th worse terms and, with Carlingford Bette to help ensure a decent pace, he can be Jimmy O'Dea and do him for foot from the last again.

Selections CHANGE THE REIGN

3.00 LEICESTER NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 1f Penalty Value £2,846

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BETTING: 11-8 Startey's Train, 9-4 No Light, 7-2 Peatswood, 8-1 Exclusion, 20-1 Misty Grey
1994: Hurdy 7 11 I / Burbe 9-2 (Mrs S Brangill 7 as

No Light's three runs over fences in the 1993-4 season resulted in two falls and a sub-mission. He is in good form over hurdles at present and connections are right to chance that he gets his jumping right this time, because SHIRLEY'S TRAIN has had two runs over fences and unseated his nater each time. On his first attempt, Shirley's Train got only as far as the third at Fontwell before unshipping Peter Hobbs. His run at Kempton 12 days ago anded the same way, but he was upsades Rer To The Rescue and going every bit as well when the catastrophie occurred timee from home. He clearly has a race over fences in him and this could be it with a clear round. Peatswood was a decent staying hurdler when last seen we recognize afford has the class to make a winning comerback, even over this short-

THORPE SATCHVILLE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C)

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- 7 declared -

BETTING: 8-13 Change The Reign, 2-1 Jounny O'Den, 7-1 Carlingford Belle 1994; Meleagns 10 11 1 A Magure 2-1 © Nicholson: 7 ran

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THORPE SATCHVILLE TRANSPORTS 11 10

Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Amber Valley 9st 12lb.

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New him has found one too good for him on his last four stans over hurdles and deserves a change of luck. His second to Romancer in Chepstow's free Handicap Hurdle was a good effort, but he has been well beaten under a big weight on the Flat since finding Stay Arake a length and a quarter too strong at Wetherby and TULLI may have his measure on this occasion. The selection took to hurdling right away last season and beat two previous winners at Ayr on her debut. She was one of the few wint was able to give Anzum any sort of race when she ran that sa-time winner to a length and a half at Nottingham next time, after which she won at Market Rasen on Boung Day. She comes here in fair shape off the Flat having won a 10-furing filles' handicap at Ayr in September. Natmi went on to win three races after finishing down the field behind Anzum and Tulu at Nottingham on his debut and has form already this season with a 12-length success from the eased Kaitak at Bangor. He was going Tulu 7th at Nottingham, so he must be in with a strong chance of reversing the placings on 18th better terms. Who is Equivalent was highly med after denting a few reputations when withing on soft ground at Remotion last December. He is a young horse of some potential yet may need a bit more out in the ground. Test Match excellen himself with his third to Home Countbes in last season's County Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival. But he needs a longer mp or a great deal more cut in the ground.

4.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £2,709

26/32-23 THE BLACK MONK (15) (C) (D) (BF) (Marm Pipe Roang Club) M Pipe 7 12 0D Bridgester 322/23 GONE BY (3) (D) (Mrs T McCoulzey) J Farters 7 11 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A Maggine 1631. SRAES OF MAR (195) (Queen Escabeth) N Henderson 5 11 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A Maggine 1632-P62 MERIORABLE (17) (D) (C D Benoe-Lonax) J Herberton - 11 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D Byrne (P05) THE HOBORBAN (1994) Vorug J Vorug 8 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ W McFartend 314200. LUNIS ANURA (1992) (D) (Modificen Sonres Investments Unit V Cay 7 10 0 .\_\_\_\_\_ Disne Clay \_\_\_\_\_\_ - 6 declared \_\_\_\_\_\_

Minimum weight: 10st. Time handicap weight: Little Alara 9xt 20s.
BETTING: 11-8 Brass Of Mar, 5-2 Memorable, 4-1 The Black Monts, 5-1 Gone By, 25-1 Lists Aloua, 33-1 The Motoriam
1994: Island Jenel 6-11 9 M Bostey 5-1 U R Bostey 9 ran
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BRAES OF MAR surprised his odds-on stablemate Sublime Fellow at Sandown in December on his racecourse debut and there must be a fair chance of him licking off with a win
again. He was made to struggle before signing off successfully on faster ground at Market.
Rasen in May but is so lightly-raced that he should have quite a bit of improvement in him,
especially over this longer mp. The Black Montk found the ground a bit heeler than andepated when only third behind Phatiad over this tip at Warwick, last time out, he showed he
retains plenty of abliny when just taking to give stablemate First Century 180 at Chepstow
and should do a lot better than he did at Warwick. Memorable is beginning to min min
form, though as yet he has still to match last season's efforts when he won four times. His

ang should do a no better tran he out at warmen, memoratore is beginning to thin mit form, though as yet he has still to match last season's efforts when he won four times. His second (of four) to Hit The Carwas at Watherby 17 days ago was a big step in the right di-rection, but he might prefer a bir more cut. Gone By has won five times this season and remains in consistent form, His third to Warmha at Huntington on Finday was his fifth plac-ing in addition to the wins, although he is a bit one-paced. Selections BRAES OF MAR

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wards the end of last season, and he is now 2-1 with Ladbrokes trainer had made it clear be- and Hills to repeat last year's

Future plans are less concrete Mackeson a 4-1 joint-favourite with Dublin Flyer but could finish only seventh. "I'm not going to speculate on what went

tenham vesterday. Callisoe Bay. a leading novice hurdler last season, was sent off favourite, but knuckled over three from home

month. After vesterday's success, the Arkle Trophy at the Festival is once more to the forefront of Paul Nicholls's plans.

2.10 KNIGHT INTERNATIONAL NOVICE HUR-

11:520 THANE (16) (20) Jeons 6 11 12 Johanne
10:322 WALKING TRLL (27) (BF) T Wolcoven 4 11 6 A P McCoy
F COOL 5707 (180) T Case; 7 11 0 E Marphy
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- 8 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Walking Tall, 9-4 Thane, 5-2 Impertal Vintage, 12-1 Fred's Boy, Fresh Choice, 20-1 Cool Spot. 25-1 others

2.40 CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2m

3.10 A R DENNIS MAIDEN CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 2m 5f

DLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 4f

GEORGE RIPLEY TROPHY HANDICAP

Extras (pJ nb5) 199
Falt: 1-8, 2-125, 3-168, 4-168, 5-190.
To Batt: rk J Piper, I D K Salisbury, D W Headley, R D Stemp.
Bowling: Shoalb Aktar 7-0-40-1; Mubastir Nazer 16-5-40-2; Fanad Khan 16-0-67-1; lefistrar 22-5-43-1; Wajatsuksh 1-0-50.

### Hirwani takes six as India clinch series

India 296-8 dec New Zealand 175-8 Match drawn

Narendra Hirwani, the Indian leg-spinner, took 6 for 59 in the third and final Test against New Zealand in Cuttack yesterday as India won the series 1-0.

ended in a draw on the lifth and final day with New Zealand making 175 for 8 declared in reply to India's first-inning score of 296 for 8 declared. India won the first Test in Bangalore by eight wickets and the second Test in Madras was

The rain-affected match

drawn after being badly disrupted by rain.
(Final day, India won toss)
INDIA - First truings 296 for 8 dec (D.Nash

NEW ZEALAND - First limings

M J Greatbatch c Jadera b Hirwani ......

R G Twose low b Hirwani ...... A C Parore o Mongia b Hinkani..... M D Crowe o Kambii b Hinkani..... N Hart c Srinath b Huwani Morrison (bw b Kumble). Total (for 8) 175
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Falk: 1-96 2-109 3-130 4-139 5-151 6-155
7-166 8-156.
Bowling: Probleser 5-2-10-0; Smeath 8-3-16-0; Kapoor 17-3-32-0; Kumble 27-12-32-1;
Hirwari 31-12-59-6.
Umpires: I Roberson (Zim), V K Rarosswary
(Ind).

(Ind). First Test (in Bengatore); India won by Bigli wickets. Second Test (in Medicas); Match drawn. (India win series 1-0). Pakistan, following on 366 runs behind, were 197 for 3-21 the close on Saturday, needing 169 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Australia in the first

Test in Brisbane. Play resumes today after yesterday's rest day. Australia took control after Shane Warne took 7 for 23 in Pakistan's first innings of 97.

TODAY S FIXTURES Football

FA CUP FIRST ROUND 

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division:
Worcester v Newport AFC,
PONTINS LEAGUE First Division: Briming-ham City v Stoke City (7.0), Wohenhampton v Oldham Athenc. Second Division: Barrisley v Middlesbrough (7.0). AVON INSURANCE COMPENSATION First

Division: Bristol Rovers v Brighton; Chelses v Bristol City (7.0); Militabl v West Ham (2.0); Swindon v Crystal Palace (2.0) Tottenham v Watford, Second Division; Cheltenham v Birmingham Other sports

BOWLS: European Team Championships Usrsey SNOCKER: Berson and Hedges Chempionship (Edmburgh)

> TODAY'S NUMBER

> > 16

The number of players sus-pended by the US National Basketball Association after a fight during Friday night's game between the Indiana Pacers and the Sacramento Kings. It is the NBA's largest mass-suspension for a single

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HYPERION 3.00 No Light 3.30 IVY EDITH (nap) 4,00 Gone By 2.30 Change The Reign (nb)

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SIS RACING CHANNEL

LEADING TRANSERS: M Pipe — 15 wanters from 66 runners gree a success ratio of 27.7% and a loss to 27 feed stake of \$77.87. Mrs J Pitman — 13 winners, 57 runners, 200% —510.00 D Nicholson — 12 winners, 30 runners, 30.8%, ±5450.01; O Sherwood — 15 winners, 36 rules, 19%, ±2450.01; O Sherwood — 17 winners, 36 rules, 19%, ±26.16; A Magnire — 9 winners, 51 rules, 17.0%, ±345.9; W Mariston — 7 winners, 12 rules, 16.7%, ±545.21; N Williamson — 6 winners, 31 rules, 17.0%, ±52.77. Williamson — 7 winners, 12 rules, 16.7%, ±54.21; N Williamson — 6 winners, 31 rules, 17.0% base for 17.0 miles by M Tipe from Nicholashayne, Deving

1.00 STOUGHTON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added

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BETTING: 5-4 Bellror. 7-2 Hooded Havik, 5-1 Rival Bid, 7-1 La Men Ertoy. 20-1 Cool Ronner, Tovarich, 25-1 Lugs Braunigan, 33-1 others 1994: Lead Vocalis' 5-10-12 W Perrett 11-1 IR Rocks 10 can FORM GUIDE Bolinoi came back after a year off to confirm last season's promise with a very easy win at

Utto-eter. His e-penence gives him a big advantage over HOODED HAWK and he will be hard to heat, but Nick Henderson's gelding showed plently of ability with his slaying-on fifth in what looked a decent bumper at Newbury last month and could be a better-than-average recruit. He is a half-brother to some decent winners and is certainly bred for the job. La Menorquina won tup all-weather stayers' events on the Flat earlier in the year and has shaped quite well in two starts over hurdles. Her fourth behind Call Equiname and Speedwell Prince at Chepstow last time has worked out well and it gives her a good chance of a place again. Erliny finally makes it back onto the course after winning a soft nonce hundle at Perih back in early June. Defgarth Lady's fourth behind Mr Bureauccal in the second division of the race Bellion won at Unoverter also looks reasonable form, though nothing so special that Flat winners **Rival Bid** and **Tovarich** will not get a look-in. **Selection:** HOODED HAW!

1.30 DESBOROUGH MARES NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £2,259 

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Homecrest & Newson Doro (2.20), 3.50 Welsh Melody (3.50); Rosever (4.20); Dr Caligari (4.50), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: La Petite Fusee (1.50) & Bood Music (5,20) both won at Southwell on Monday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Ocean Park (3,20) has been sent 166 miles by Ludy Herries from Augmering Park, W Sussex; La Petite Pusee (1,50) sent 164 miles by R O'Sullivan from Rose

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- 12 declared -BETTING: 4-1 Bold Gent, 9-2 Agent Boy, 5-1 Dr Caligari, 6-1 Exclusive Assembly, 7-1 Distant Princess, 10-1 Jon's Choice, 12-1 others H & V NEWS HANDICAP (CLASS E) (DIV B) £3,900 added 1m 1f 79yds (AW)

own Test prospects and the tone hopes of his England A side. tour innings, while Jason Gal-lian's 67 from 90 balls with 12 for 5 in reply to the Pakistan Cricket Board XI's 301 all out. Photograph: Adam Scott 29 runs in the morning with -Kent's Headley, who took three wrong with Coulton." Oliver Sherwood his trainer, said yesforehand that he expected little success in the Hennessy Gold more on the prevailing ground, Cup at Newbury on Saturday with his accuracy and stamina hope he doesn't lose his confiterday, "and we won't know unand Tony Dobbin, his stable week. He is an 8-1 chance for dence as a result. He was a bit til the results of the tests are jockey, emphasised the point by the Gold Cup, while Dublin Flynovices at the start but was just revealed in 48 hours. He's eattravelling to Ayr to partner One er, who showed such courage to en up and scoped clean so far." getting the hang of iL" win the Mackeson, is now 16-1 Man in a less valuable race. Captain Khedive, the winner, Sherwood was also required One Man's performance in to take chasing's greatest prize. to reflect on disappointment afwas beaten when a 2-7 chance beating Jodami was most en-For Richards, it was a most couraging, given the errors atisfactory weekend. Though which had afflicted him toin a poorer race at Hereford last ter the novice chase at Chelfor Coulton, who started the

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- 13 declared -- 1.5 Decision -SETTING: 7-2 Amocha, 4-1 Frances Mary, 5-1 Takapune, 6-1 Simply Miss Chief, 8-1 Rising Stream, Tima Katerina, 10-1 Spanish Luck, 12-1 others

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# France inspired by player power

reports from Toulouse New Zealand

It would be stretching things to believe that, by means of a glorious Armistice Day victory over the All Blacks, French rugby had become a family at peace again, if indeed it ever was. But this first Test, its acid prehide and its joyous aftermath, have been a triumph for the players and thus for player-power.

Considering that the source of last week's contention was the exclusion of three leading players from selectorial consideration, France did brilliantly well without them - so well that the same XV, still without Lacroix, Roumat and Cabannes, were yesterday reselected for the second Test in Paris this Saturday.

How strange, how quintes-sentially French. The team, ring-led by their captain, Philippe Saint-André, were so incensed that the three who had been playing in South Africa had been forced by the French federation to "rest" for a month after their return from South Africa that they ostentatiously staved away from a civic reception in Toulouse on Thursday.

That persuaded André Herrero it was time to resign as team manager and persuaded the team, in an infinitely more significant act of solidarity than their boycott of the bunfight, to turn themselves into a more or less irresistible force.

The upshot was not only a quite unforgettable win on an occasion touched by Gallic magic but a performance that rendered the "South Africans" (as they are known here) unnecessary, even though their rest period will have officially ended by the time France and New Zealand conduct their reprise at Parc des Princes. There, the French, already the first since Australia in 1978 and '79 to beat New Zealand three times in a row, will seek to be the first to make it four since South Africa whitewashed the 1949 All

So France were inspired, but not merely by the *esprit de corps* that had been produced by their stand-off with the federation. There was also a raw fear

if they collapsed as other French teams might have done in such circumstances, Bernard Lapas-set, their president, would have had his excuse for revenge.

"For three days my head has been on the block." Saint-André sighed, relieved as well as delighted to have avoided the anticipated defeat that would have ended his international career, as well as those of other senior players who had acted as his lieutenants in the internecine contretemps.

If anyone could exploit the incipient disarray, you would have thought it to be the All Blacks. That it did not happen was, of course, a tribute to the French. but it also betrayed the astounding incompetence of a side made ordinary by the loss of vital components of their World Cup final XV.

In mitigation, it is fair to point out how difficult it was to play accurate rugby in the conditions prevailing at the Parc Toulousain, a gale known as the Vent d'Autan howling in from the south-west, rocking the posts and giving an insurmountable advantage to the downwind team. This wind is also called "le vent des fous", or the wind that drives you mad, and it duly drove the All Blacks to distraction as they conceded 17 points after Sean Fitzpatrick ad generously allowed France

The All Blacks contributed with continuing generosity to their own downfall, turning the ball over to set up the attack with which Jean-Luc Sadourny scored the sumptuous first try, then presenting a second when Richard Dourthe charged down Simon Culhane's clearance.

The hapless Culhane was later to have another kick charged down as a prelude to the concluding and conclusive French try by Saint-André, and if New Zealand had one overriding problem it was at half-back, where Culhane was ill-served by the equally erratic Stuart Forster. The scrum-half's inability to spin quick ball meant that the wide game that so impressed during the World Cup

was no more than a memory. It did not take the No 8, Zinzan Brooke, long to work out the adverse consequences of giving Forster too much of the ball, which meant a deliberately recreated by the knowledge that, stricted forward game reminis-

than Laurie Mains's brave new world of total rugby. The coach blamed it all on persistent French offside but, whatever the worth of that remark, he might just as well have complained about the woeful skill level ex-

hibited by his own players.

To be outscored by three tries to none was to heap indignity on to disappointment, but the fact was that, with Jonah Lomu so peripheral a figure that the crowd took to singing in unison "Où est Lorru, où est le grand Lomu?" (Where is the big Lomu?), they seldom looked like getting off the mark.

Culhane managed one first-half penalty and then added four more as the All Blacks steadily reduced France's 14-point half-time lead to the point where 18 minutes still remained when it was down to 17-15. But at the moment of greatest crisis Saint-André pulled his men together and, not withstanding a foot that may have been in touch, eluded Lomu for the try that settled the match and also brought the house down.

With the end came delirium, and as the Tricolours took their lap of honour a rapturous expression of the sense of unity between them and their public who, like supporters everywhere else, tend to identify with their playing heroes more than any old farts. (In the federation's case, there are 35.)

It is a matter of shared experience. When France last played a Test here, and lost to the 1986 All Blacks, Toulouse were the champions but had no one in the French team and a derisory 13,800 turned up to watch. Toulouse are the 1995 champions too and on Saturday, with five Toulousains among the starters, 35,000 filled the stadium. It was a privilege to be

among them. Castaignede 2; Penalty Cas-v Zealand: Penalties Culture 5. ide. New Zealand: Pennities Cuffarre 5. IGE: J-L. Sadoarry (Colomers); E-mack (Gudouse), R Doarthe (Ded, T-Cas-tède (Toulouse), P Seint-André (Mont-t), capit; A Pennind (Brier), P Carbonneus use); L Bénézach (Racing Club), M de jement (Toulon), C Califano (Toulouse), wise (Montderrand), F Pelous (Day), P titos, A Benezal (Agen), A Carmineti ). Rieplacement D Berty (Toulouse) for my, 45.

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All for one: the French pack clear a path for Abdelatif Benazzi to mount another attack on New Zealand

# Lightweight Wales need Davies

reports from Cardiff Arms Park

The cry for Jonathan Davies to get his act together in time for the Five Nations' Championship grew in intensity following a result for Wales that was welcome and overdue yet somehow without honour. Not so much a Pyrrhic victory as chronic.

Nobody is harder on Wales than the Welsh and it is a fair crowd of 39,000 thought that Fiji deserved to win and were actually willing them to do so. It is a measure of the state of the nation that Brad Johnstone, Fiii's New Zealand coach, had more sympathy for Wales than for his adopted country.

"but last week, people, Welsh Park for the first time and people, were coming up to us in the street and telling us that they

Wales that I knew. It seems to ence for the opposition. Once have reached the point where nationalism is breaking down."

Wales looked lightweight and disjointed but there were mitigating circumstances, not least the fact that this was only their second win from nine internationals this year. In that context Kevin Bowring, their third coach in six matches, and Jonathan Humphreys, the captain, were

entitled to their pragmatic view. "When you score more points than the opposition you win," Bowring said. "We deserved it. How many times did bet that the noisy majority in a we cross their line and not score? We could have been 20 points up in the first 20 minutes." Humphreys agreed: "I don't think any win can be described as lucky, especially against a side like Fiji who are underrated. We desperately needed a victory. Nine of our

that's a daunting experience." Time was when playing at wanted Fiji to win. This is not the Cardiff was a daunting experiagain Wales relied on Neil Jenkins's boot, his three penalties in the second half overriding a second try from Fiji. Wales were 10-0 up after 16 minutes, courtesy of two tries that came

wrapped in Christmas paper. Andy Moore, the scrum-half, dived into a disrupted Fijian scrum for the first and then Jenkins exploited the naïvety of Fiji with rugby's equivalent of the three-card trick. Awarded a dubious penalty near the Fiji 22, Jenkins fooled the opposition into thinking he was going to kick for goal and instead tapped the ball to himself and strolled over for a try that was even softer than Moore's. The nearest player to Jenkins was the No 8 Dan Rouse and he was tying his bootlaces as the out-side-half ran past him.

Thereafter Wales operated on shoestring and Fiji, who had

"Never before," Johnstone said, "has a Fiji test team finished stronger than the opposition. Apart from squandering a number of tries they were again hopeless in the goalkicking department. Thus Jenkins's coniribution proved invaluable but, seems that outside of Pontypridd, the nation cannot wait

for the return of Jonathan. It may be a long wait. Frustratingly for Jenkins, and Wales, he was moved to centre midway through the first half to replace the injured Nigel Davies with Aled Williams coming on at stand-off. Wales therefore had two outside-halves for most of the game although there are those who would argue that it looked as if they did not have one.

Jenkins, his 14 points apart, made mistakes but, significantly perhaps, both Bowring and Humphreys gave the impression drawn level by half-time, failed Jonathan contest they would be to capitalise on several sublime in the former's corner. "I have moves which had all but ex- every respect for Neil Jenkins as hausted the Welsh defence. a player and as an outside-

half." Bowring said. He added. curiously: "He is a passionate Welshman." Perhaps this was a reference to the fact that Jenkins, a target for rugby league, has remained loyal to the union. As for Humphreys, he described him as "world class"

We have a very inexperienced pack but we have a side we can build on," the Cardiff hooker said. So, will Bowring, a teacher at Clifton College, continue to coach Wales? What happens after this is up to the WRU," he said. "I've got a taste for it, I must admit.

Wales: Tries Moore, Jenkins: Panafties Jenkins 3. Fiji: Tries Ban, Rayas. Conversion Vioqa: Penakir: Waqa.
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# Scots smothered by Samoan pressure

Scotland A Western Samoa

Western Samoa, the team not considered good enough to play with the big boys of the southern hemisphere, proved comfortably too strong and streetwise for Scotland's second

string at Hawick yesterday. Scotland A won virtually no worthwhile possession as the World Cup quarter-finalists omitted from the new Inter-Provincial series and international tournament at home cranked up several gears after launching their tour with a lowkey victory over Edinburgh in

Scotland A led 9-6 at halftime with three penalties from Scott Welsh to a couple from Darren Kellet. But the Samoans dominated after the restart, a thrust by both centres creating space for Sila Vaifale to run unopposed to the posts to put them ahead for the first time. Kellet converted, as he did when Pat Lam rounded off a pushover try near the end. Kellet also scored another penalty and a drop goal for a personal haul of 16 points.

Despite his side being on short rations at the set-pieces and shut out in the loose, Gary Armstrong, in his first major ap-

fitness. Armstrong will, nevertheless, be named today among Scotland's replacements for the Test on Saturday, as will Eric Peters, arguably the best forward vesterday.

Armstrong was restricted to clearance work and his frustration showed when he struck out wildly after being blatantly impeded by Lam on one of the few occasions the first half spluttered into life. There must have been a few in a crowd of 5,000 who were envious at the escape route provided for a Bill Niblow, requested over the public address to remove his car from the

pearance since rupturing knee ligaments almost 18 months ago, still looked short of match

High Street, where it was "parked on top of a gas leak."

Western Samoa earned generous praise from Graham Hogg, the Scotland A coach,

who said: "They played very, very, well. I was most impressed Ten of them played against Edinburgh but today they looked a different side altogether." Jim Telfer, Scotland's direc-

tor of rugby, was disappointed by the lack of possession created by a side whose lack of adventure in the face of stilling midfield pressure was summed up by the fact that it took 70 minutes for Hugh Gilmour to get a touch on the right wing. Telfer said: "Scotland A tended to go to ground too early, but

late on showed a bit of enterprise in midfield. But that was close to Samoa's Test team and they looked far tidier than they did in midweek."

Telfer also praised Peters. playing in the unaccustomed role of blind-side flanker, saying: "Peters looked like an international out there."

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WESTIEM SAMOA: S Langua; V Path, T Vanga, G Languape, A Teles; D Kallet, J Fileman Mills, T Lefensetshuto, P Fatisalda, L Falantico, P Lesevice, S Koleria, P Lam (capit, S Velible).

Mike Catt was yesterday passed fit to play for England in this Saturday's Test against South Africa, the land of his birth, af-

ter using the time at his disposal as a full-time rugby player for treatment in a decompression chamber at the Portsmouth naval base, writes Steve Bale. The Bath outside-half, who injured an ankle in a collision with his rival David Pears in the

game at Harlequins three weeks ago and has not played since, took a full part in yesterday's training session at Twickenham. "I have three more days to rest and have treatment and honefully I will be fine," Catt said. Jack Rowell, the manager, is concerned at the strength of the

Springboks' scrummage, bence

the Irish international prop, will

### **Catt can face S Africa** Laboured **Springbok** the presence of Phil Keith-Roach, the one-time Cambridge University hooker, in the role of scrummaging expert, as well as the Richmond pack to give England some live opposition. victory

Catt, England outside-half for the first time, has special family reasons for paying out of his own pocket for the treatment which has hastened his recovery. His appearance against South Africa is prompting a mass in-flux of Catts - 13 in all - from his home in Port Elizabeth to watch the game at Twickenham. Rob Andrew will make his dobut for Newcastle in a club match against Harrogate in a fortnight's time. Nick Popplewell,

also play for the first time.

South Africa

The world champions, South Africa, warmed up for Saturday's meeting with England at Twickenham with an unconvincing victory over Italy in Rome's Olympic stadium yesterday.

The Springboks, playing their first away match since the World Cup, took a 17-6 half-time lead. In the second half, however, they looked in desperate trouble when the Italians hit back with two tries to lead 21-17.

The shock was short-lived, though, as the visitors, playing Italy for the first time, moved up a gear. But even though they have now won 15 consecutive Tests there was little in their game to alarm England

Italy, routed 70-6 by the World Cup runners-up New Zealand last month, but with their standoff Diego Dominguez back in action, looked a different side and the final scoreline flattered their elanoggo.

The Italians took the lead through a Dominguez penalty in the opening minutes and matched the visitors in the lineouts, winning possession as the Springboks hesitated.

Japie Mulder gave South Africa their first try with Francois Pienaar and Hennie Le Roux going over after the referee gave a penalty try. Joel Stransky kicked 20 points with four conversions and four penalties. Italy, whose toughened defence repeatedly stopped the

South Africans just short of the line, replied with tries from Orazio Arancio and Carlo Orlandi and could have had more. "Today [Italy] showed that

when they concentrate, they're capable of playing with anyone. The players have nothing to be ashamed of." Georges Coste, their coach, said.

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# Saracens start to repay Wray's vision

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Saracens

Saracens presented their saviour Nigel Wray with an early dividend by pulling off an unex-pected coup against Leicester, the defending Courage League champions, for the first time in the north London club's history. The City entrepreneur has the Midas touch in his business dealings and hereafter is likely to be nicknamed Goldfinger by the ecstatic Saracen hordes, who cheered themselves hoarse as their heroes trooped triumphantly off the Southgate

In those few moments as the players filed into the dressing-

room those two precious league points looked to be worth more than the £2m which Wray has sunk into the club. "I think my contribution to that victory was absolutely nil," Wray said.

But exhilarating as the win was, Saracens need to strengthen their squad and sort out their ground. Wray is convinced Saracens can reverse the trend of recent years, when promising players have left in droves seeking their fortunes further west.

"I believe we can attract players here," Wray said, dropping names such as Andre Joubert and Jonah Lomu into the conversation. "We will look anywhere. I am prepared to ask anybody. I hope to be a catalyst, to make things happen.

"We also need to improve our facilities. We need to get the made little difference. Not even

their support. But ground sharing also makes commercial sense and we have a few ideas of where we'd like to move. This club lies between two football clubs, Enfield and Barnet."

At the moment moving up the table is the concern. Sterling line-out work, notably from David Brain and Anthony Diprose, and the boot of Andy Lee, who helped himself to 20 points, as well as some dogged defence and flashes of inspiration went a long way to achiev-

ing that aim. Leicester had the services of Niall Malone, who like London Irish's Conor O'Shea, had put chib before country in opting to skip part of the Ireland training session this weekend, but it

session they had was thrown away, just like their lead. Defeat has almost certainly cost Leicester the title, a fact which their captain, Dean Richards, acknowledged. He said: "It's nigh on impossible to retain the title now, Bath will need to slip up at least three times and they won't do that."

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**Bath deny overture from Old Trafford** 

"Manchester United in touch committee meeting and we will then start opening a few doors."

Bath in the League this season.

# WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES Andrew's overall League record of 748 points could put a smile on the Tigers' faces. What pos-1 4 150 200 0 5 191 206 0 5 154 185

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Yesterday 21 South Africa CIS UNDER-21. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP South-West Pool One: Berkshire 28 Co. Sortshire 18 for Revision Shire Hall).

Bath's chairman Richard Mawditt last night denied reports that the Courage League club had had an approach from Manchester United, similar to the one which ended with the Premiership leaders Newcastle taking over that city's leading rugby club. But he revealed that the Courage League leaders are looking for a wealthy backer,

writes David Llewellyn. United second in the Premiership, were said to have responded to an advertisement in the Financial Times three

weeks ago, as reported by the Independent on 21 October, in which potential investors were told: "There is the opportunity to gain effective control of one of the best clubs in rugby.
A club as successful as Bath

they have won the Courage Championship five times in the first seven years of its existence as well as the Pilkington Cup on nine occasions since 1984 - would clearly appeal to United. But Mawditt is adamant that there has been no contact from Old Trafford.

with Bath?" Mawditt said. "I'm not aware of any approach. Bath are looking at all the options. I don't think any First Division club is doing otherwise. We would talk seriously to anyone who had a serious overture to make. But we have not had

any approaches. The captain Phil de Glanville and I have had overwhelming support for the club to find alternative investment," Mawditt said, "and this week we will be holding a management

On Saturday it was business as usual on the pitch when Bath tightened their grip at the top of National League One. Tries from Ben Clarke, Jeremy Guscott and Audsley Lumsden and 14 kicked points, which took him past 1,000 for the club, from Jon Callard gave them a 34-22 win against a committed West Hartelpool who remain pointless despite becoming the first side to score three tries against

# Demonstration of waif power

Mike Rowbottom sees a Russian gymnastics revival in the junior women's European Cup semi-final

The Guildford Spectrum leisure lanta team. "What gives them the centre witnessed something special on Saturday night: the hundred or so people present registered appreciation by raising their level of applause from polite to warm. Eight months hence in the Atlanta Georgia Dome the re-

sponse is likely to be tumultuous. In the tiny, powerful figures of Elena Produnova and Eugenia Kuznetsova, Russia have two gymnasts capable of energising the Olympics in the way their compatriots Olga Korbut and Lyudmila Tourischeva did in 1972. At 15, both have appeared in the senior World Championships, and their outstanding performances in helping Russia win the semi-final of the European Cup for junior (12-15) women's teams strength-ened their claims to Olympic places next year.

Kuznetsiwa, winner of the Youth Olympics in Bath last summer, is pale and impassive, her eyes watchful. Produnova is a darker, less girlish figure whose artistry and expression prompt the sport's purists to reminisce over the days when gymnastics events were won by women rather than waifs.

Some of the movements produced by the latter prompted intakes of breath even among experienced observers of the sport. "Produnova is spectacular." said Vera Atkinson, who as Vera Marinova competed in several rhythmic gymnastics World Championships for Bulgaria, and who has worked as a television commentator for 20 years.

The feelings of the British team, who finished third behind Russia and Germany, were summed up by Melisa Wilcox, a tiny 12-year-old from Bristol making her first major interna-tional appearance. "The Russians were... impressive." she

said with a rueful grin. There is little doubt in the mind of the Russian coach. Alexandre Kirjashov, that this pair will be among the six selected for the At-

best chance is their strong pro-gramme." he said. "They are good at all the disciplines."

There was a curious sense of informality to the proceedings, which took place in a small hall beside a main ice arena upon which hundreds of teenagers glided beneath disco lights. The gymnastics crowd numbered many friends and relatives of those taking part, a good pro-portion of whom were busying themselves with the sacred duty of recording the action on video.

Despite the intimacy of the event, however, there was no questioning that the gymnasts

Suggestions that puberty is delayed by chemical means are denied

were keyed up. The slump of Kuznetsova's shoulders after she dismounted from a beam exercise which had been marred by a wobble, and the way her teammates pattered up to comfort her, said everything about that. Like all their generation, Kuznetsova and Produnova have had to accommodate to a climate of competition which lays huge store by technical virtuosity, towards which codes of marking have shifted steadily for the last 15 years.

Had the Korbut of 1972 been precipitated into Saturday's competition, Atkinson estimates, she would have had difficulty making the top 10.

The dominance of the waifs has raised inevitable suggestions that some competitors are having puberty delayed by illegal chemical means - allegations that are

What is certain is that the Russians carry out a gigantic scouting mission among their gi-gantic population, spotting po-tential champions in schools and kindergartens. Parents are assessed to help determine how the youngsters will turn out physically.
Once the likely candidates

have been identified, however, there is no rush towards punishing routines. "For the first two years we don't push them to do difficult things," Kirjashov said. "The important thing is that they must love gymnastics for itself." But this operation has taken

place in recent years against a background of social and economic disruption. "It has been very difficult for us to maintain our standards," Kirjashov added.
"For example, the economic problems in Russia have forced the closure of 800 gymnasiums. Now, though, I think we are on the point of rebuilding."

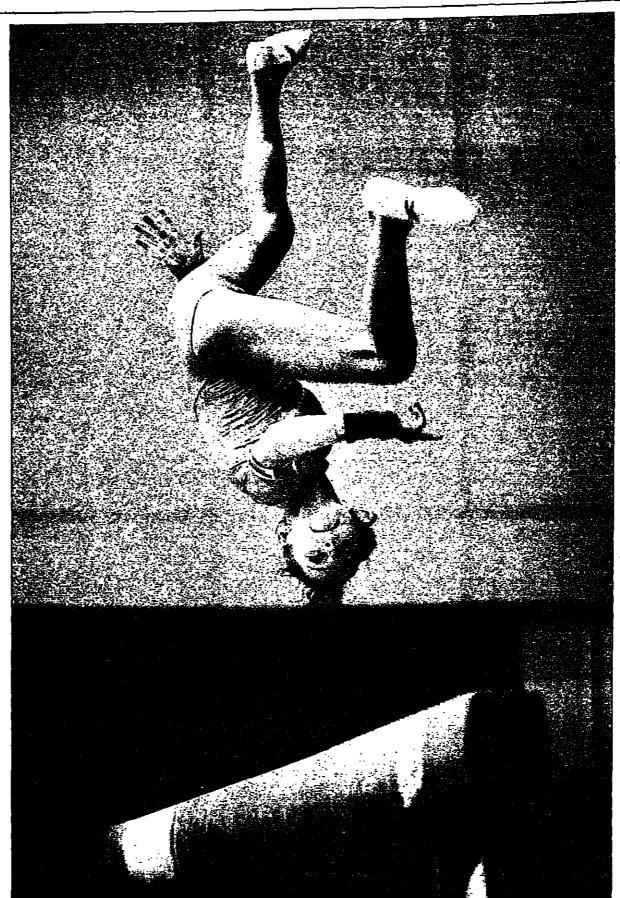
And Produnova and Kuznetso-

va, along with their elder com-patriot Svetlana Chorkina, the world silver medallist, are the new

The discipline required to reach world level at this sport makes hugely adult demands upon competitors; and yet their necessarily blinkered lifestyle can have the effect of making them particularly naive. The furry toys and mascots ranged alongside the national kitbags at the side of the exercise area on Saturday said much about the dichotomy.
With such pressures involved,

one might expect there to be a succession of "burn-outs" in the sport to match the departures from tennis of such as Andrea Jaeger and Jennifer Capriati.

But it seems that by the time the top level is reached in gymnastics any potential drop-outs have already dropped. "These girls," said Atkinson, gesturing to the whirling Russians, "follow their dream as far as they can." All the way to Atlanta.



Head over heels: Russia's Julia Korostelova impresses in the

Photograph: Robert Hallam

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Mika Hakunen, me nag ang Mercedes driver who crashed a more than 100mph during qual-ifying for the Australian Grand Prix, is making a steady recovery from the serious head injuries he suffered on Friday. A statement issued vesterday by Professor Syd Watkins, of the sport's governing body, the FIA and Dr Brendon Kearney, chief executive of the Royal Adelaide hospital, said: "There has been further significant improvement in Hakkinen's condition."

The statement said that Hakkinen was likely to be released from the hospital's intensive care unit within 24 hours, but he will need further treatment while he is recovering. He is expected to remain at the hospital for up to two weeks.

There were fears for Hakkinen's life when he crashed after 13 minutes of the first qualifying session. He was un-conscious for almost 24 hours but was sitting up and talking on Saturday afternoon.

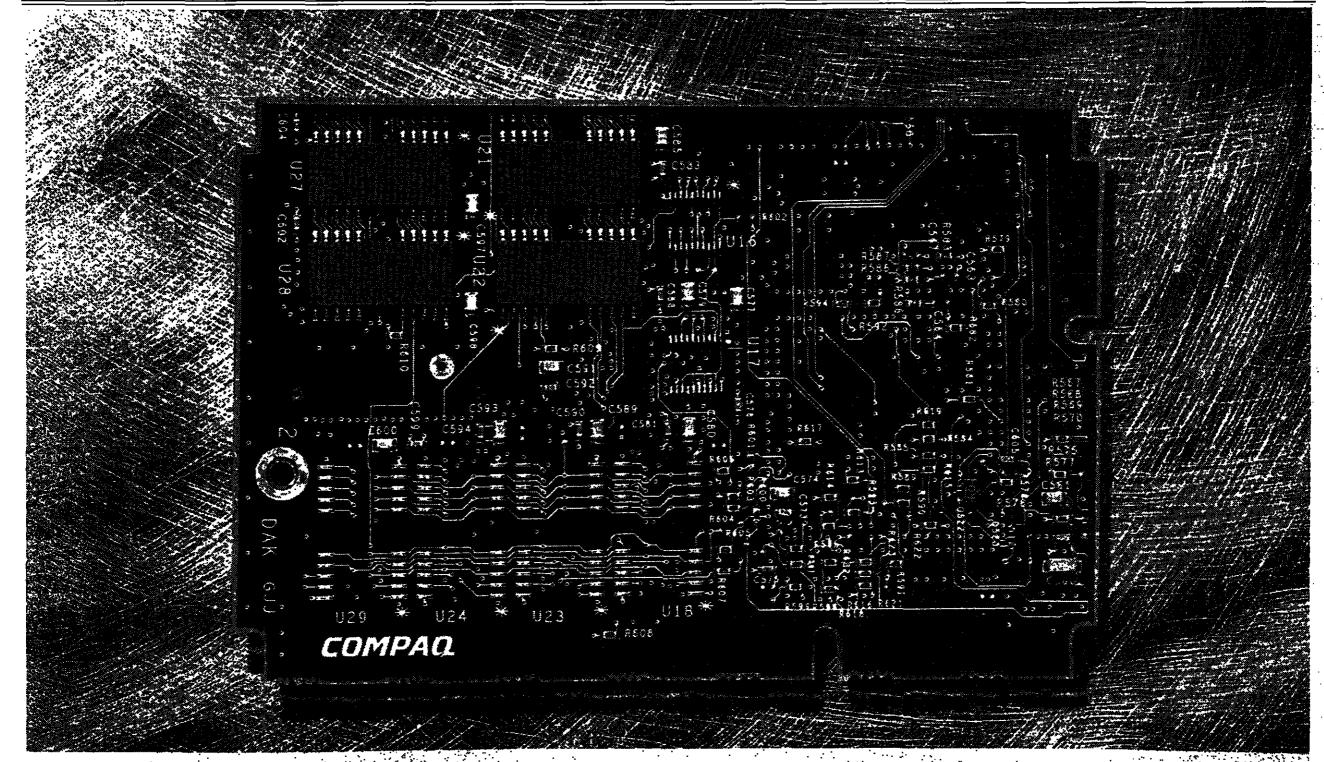
Ron Dennis, the McLaren-Mercedes managing director, said the team's spirits had been lifted by news of Hakkinen's recovery. "The best news of the day for all of us is Mika's ever-improving condition," he said. Dennis confirmed that he

believed a tyre failure was the major contributing factor to the accident. He said: "There is absolutely no doubt that the lefthand rear tyre suffered a rapid deflation, as the result of a cut which was almost certainly caused by Mika running over some track debris."

Hakkinen's team-mate, Mark Blundell, finished fourth in the race but said he was more concerned about the Finn's welfare. The team's thoughts go to the big improvement in Mika's condition, and I am very happy about that," Blundell said.

The Adelaide track is regarded as one of the safest on

the Formula One circuit, but of ... ficials added extra tyre barriers before the race, which was notable for a series of accidents.



# The favourite circuit of the Benetton Formula One team.

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To this end, each Benetton Formula One car has

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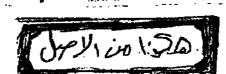
In fact, you name it, Benetton's Compage can do it. From logging and sorting the 17 Megabits of data that

stream out of the car every second, to instantly diagnosing and rectifying faults, mid-race.

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Formula One Constructor's Championship.

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**America** 

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on cup

The American team of Fred

Couples and Davis Love III won

a fourth consecutive World Cup title yesterday. With final rounds of 69 and 67 respectively, their total of 543 helped them

to equal the record four wins by their compatriots Arnold Palm

Their margin of 14 strokes

over the second-placed Australians Robert Allenby and Brett Ogle on 557 was the same

as their record margin last year

in Puerto Rico. It was the third

consecutive time they had led

from start to finish and their

combined total of 33-under-par

was the second-lowest team

total in the tournament's 41-year

In the individual event Love

beat Japan's Hisayuki Sasaki at

the fifth play-off hole after they tied on 267. "It was a goal of

mine to win the individual – it

is the only thing I have not done

in this tournament. Fred [Cou-

ples] won last year and now we have one each." Love said. "We started well and stayed in front

all the way so there was not

much pressure. We have been

asked to defend the title again

in South Africa but we have not

decided whether to go yet."

er and Jack Nicklaus.

# Devereux delivers for Widnes

**Rugby League** DAVE HADFIELD

Oldham

John Devereux shone like the last piece of the family silver for long enough for Widnes to recover some of their old cup ighting sparkle to account for an Oldham team a division above them but several grades below on the day.

Devereux's two first-half tries set Widnes on their way to a convincing win in this Regal Trophy tie. Such is Oldham's current disarray, with almost a whole team injured and the future of their coach, Andy Goodway, clouded by speculation that he may coach Paris in the Super League, that only the margin was a surprise.

Devereux, sought by Warrington as a replacement for Jonathan Davies, showed that he remains a player of the highest class with a try on each wing to put Widnes in a strong position.

That position was made even more secure when Chris Parr, the worst offender in a side woefully lacking in discipline, was sent off for a high tackle on Andy Platt.

Even though an uninformed observer asked to identify which side was destined for the Super League might have guessed at neither of them. Oldham now presented even more gaps to be exploited - and Widnes did so in the second half.

Their other notable success was Steve McCurrie, unkindly dubbed McBlobby after his larger than life appearance for England in the World Cup but looking sharp enough yesterday. He scored his first try after a run by Stuart Spruce had stretched

charging on to the sort of delayed pass that Shane Cooper made his trademark during his days at St Helens. Cooper produced another expert ball to send McCurrie in for his second, with Chris Tyrer's six goals completing the Widnes

ond goal from Steve Gartland in the last minutes, but that could not disguise their lack of

# Schofield plays down head-butt accusation

Round-up

Garry Schofield, the captain of Leeds, was last night accused of head-butting an opponent dur-ing his side's 46-22 Regal Trophy second-round defeat of Salford at Headingley.

The Salford coach, Andy Gregory, claimed that Schofield, his former Leeds and Great Britain team-mate. had head-butted the scrumhalf. Mark Lee, Schofield was spoken to by the referee, Stuart Cummings, but went on to score two tries and create one for Alan Tait, the full-back, as Leeds finished easy winners.

Gregory said: "It will be very interesting to see the video about the lad who scored two tries in the second half and set the other one up. I was stood five yards away and it was a definite head-butt. The game was virtually over by half-time. We got back into the game and the lad who I didn't think should have been on the field has killed us off good and proper. There's a fellow who plays for Everton who is spending

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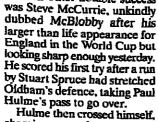
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scoring.
Oldham did manage a try
from Scott Ranson and a sec-

Maybe they just preferred playing 11-a-side, because by then Devereux and his former Widnes team-mate, Paul Davidson, were in the sin-bin after a bout of horizontal boxing, and Widnes had taken off David Hulme without bothering to replace him.

That was a measure of their comfort against opponents who are looking increasingly out of place as a top-flight side.

Widnes: Ruane; Devereux, Thorniey, Whight, Spruce: Tyrer, Cooper, Makin (Hansen, 23), P Gartland, Platt (Smith, 61), P Hulme, Mc-Curne, D Hulma.

Oldham: Cowens; Ranson, Leula, Abrem, Belle; Gibson (Green, 23, Gibson, 63), Crompton; Parr, S Gartland, Temu (Shenati, 53), Lord, Davidson, Hill.

### course for world title tilt **Boxing**

three months in jail for head-Schofield hit back at the head-butting accusation, saying: "I don't think I did at all. There's talk of a citing, but if it comes to that. I think it's getting a bit ridiculous. I wasn't put on report or anything."

Although Salford were unable to pull off a shock, Carlisle, of the Second Division, took full advantage of playing at home as they knocked the 1994 winners, Castleford, out of the Trophy with an inspired second-half performance.

Castleford looked in control as they led 18-10 at the break, but the man of the match, Willie Richardson, helped level the scores at 18-18 with two goals after Stuart Rhodes had crossed for a try. With eight minutes left the scrum-half, Mike Kavanagh, grabbed glory for the Cumbrian side with a drop goal.

It was not long ago that the London Broncos were being humbled by the top clubs in the Cup, but they proved that they have reached the big time by beating lowly Highfield 82-0 at



Lean machine: Michael yon Grünigen, of Switzerland, has the edge in yesterday's World Cup glant statom at Tignes

# Von Grünigen gives rivals cold shoulder

Michael von Grünigen put in-jury problems behind him yesterday when he won the opening giant slalow of the men's alpine World Cup on a

windy Tignes glacier in France. The 26-year-old Swiss, who damaged a collarbone last sea-

Wharton on

Henry Wharton went left-hand-

ed in Halifax on Saturday night

and put himself on course for

another world title campaign.

The popular York fighter

baffled Sam Storey by switch-

ing to a southpaw stance and fi-

nally exploded his big left hook

to knock-out the Ulsterman

after 27 seconds of the fourth

round to retain his European

round was not completely new.

He is naturally left-handed and

began his fighting life as a

southpaw before training him-

self to fight from an orthodox

It was the first defence of the

European title he won in July

when he knocked out Italy's

Mauro Galvano and he now ex-

pects to fight the Frenchman Frederic Seillier. Wharton's

manager, Mickey Duff, is count-

ing on Wharton's performance

prompting ITV to provide the

money to bring the Seillier fight

"If we make the fight in Eng-

to Yorkshire in late January.

land he'll knock out Seillier, but

if it goes to France, the punch-

es will hurt just as much. He's

No 2 in the WBC [World Box-

ing Council] rankings so he's

very close to another world ti-

tle shot." Duff said.

Wharton's tactical turn-

and Commonwealth titles.

son after performing well in the opening giant slaloms, had a near perfect run in the first leg, leaving his compatriot Urs Kaelin and the Norwegian Lasse Kius almost one second adrift. He hung on in the second leg to beat Kjus by a mere four-hundredths of a second with a total time of 2min

Hockey

el on points.

BILL COLWILL

Reading came from behind in

an exciting 2-2 draw with Guildford to maintain their place at the top of the First Division of

the National League, although

Old Loughtonians are now lev-

lan Jennings put Guildford

ahead after two minutes but Jon

Wyatt equalised five minutes af-

ter the interval. After Scott

Ashdown put Reading in front

two minutes later, Guildford

looked beaten. Jennings then

The London Towers coach, Kevin Cadle, is calling for

American players to be ex-

cluded from salary cap restric-

tions, claiming the move would

boost the quality of domestic

players in the Budweiser

League and the national team.

national team coach, said: "We

are never going to compete

with top European clubs until

we have the quality of Ameri-

can players to match theirs."

Cadle, the American former

DUNCAN HOOPER

giant slalom silver medallist, was third on 2:21.38.

"It is an extremely important win after my shoulder problems last season. I had an operation in spring and was able to train well last summer," said Von Grünigen, who won World Cup

giant slaloms in Veysonnaz in 1993 and Val d'Isère last year. He took advantage of the ab-

Reading hold on at the top

minutes from time, Stuart Mat-

Old Loughtonians, the over

night leaders who thrashed Ted-

dington, last year's champions,

6-2 at Broom Road, saw their

latest signing, the Australian

Steve Carter, score his first

League goals with a hat-trick.

Cannock kept up the pres-

sure on the leaders with a 4-0

home win against Canterbury

with the goals coming from

Bobby Crutchley, Chris May-

er, Justin Pidcock and Simon

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Mason could do no more than maintained their record with point, lead the Second Division.

Cadle calls for rule change

Championship, earns \$500,000 (£325,000) a season from the

Italian club, Budweiser League

clubs are restricted to a total

salary bill of around £100,000

Cadle, speaking during the

two-week league break for Eng-

land's European championship

games, said: "There is no need

to restrict the amounts clubs pay

choose from that clubs aren't in

competition to sign them. Do-

"There are so many to

for their entire team.

to their Americans.

ton scored the equaliser.

parry his penalty corner five a 5-1 win against Edgbaston.

sence of Italy's overall World Cup holder, Alberto Tomba, who is in California preparing for the forthcoming American races. Slovenia's Jure Kosir. Tomba's main rival in technical events in recent years, went out

in the morning run. The most impressive display of aggressive skiing came from another Swiss, the veteran Paul

In the women's National

League Hightown, following

their 2-0 win at Ipswich, go top

of the Premier Division after

goals from Tina Cullen and

Maggie Souyave. The previous

leaders, Sutton Canada Life.

could only manage a goalless

draw at Clifton and are in sec-

ond place while defending

champions, Slough, 2-1 winners

at Bracknell, move into third place, a point behind Hightown.

and Canterbury have maximum

points and are 10 points clear of

Chelmsford. Olton, the only oth-

help the national team. Atten-

dances would also be boosted,

which will help pay for them. Imagine what it would do for a

club to have a player like Wool-

ridge turning out every week."

Hakeem Olajuwon became

the 21st player in NBA history to score 20,000 career points and

only the ninth to also have at

least 10,000 rebounds. The

Nigerian who plays for Houston reached the 20,000-point plateau

in 833 games, the 13th-fastest in

In the First Division, Trojans

Accola, who had the fastest second-leg time to move up from 15th to take sixth place overall.

The wind whipped across the icy piste but it was not as gusty as it had been on Saturday when it proved impossible to stage a women's giant slalom.

The men and the women next head for the United States for races in Vail, Colorado.

Sasaki would have become the first Japanese player to top the individual standings since Torakichi Nokamura in 1957 but the 30-year-old froze in the play-off. "I had a good week but now I feel a bit bad as I let the tournament slip," said Sasaki, who will play in the US PGA qualifying school in two weeks. I am in the top 10 in Japan and I want to see how I can do in

the United States." A 68 from Ogle and 70 by Al-lenby pulled Australia into second place in the team event but the real drama involved Scotland's Sam Torrance. With Scotland (Torrance and Andrew (.oltart) poised to join Australia in second position, Torrance had a bogey five at the last for a 69 after accusing a spectator of picking up his ball.

Scotland finished tied with Japan for third place on 558 with Torrance taking third spot in the individual competition, four shots behind Love and Sasaki. "Some bastard picked it [the ball] up - no doubt about it." Torrance said, "Exactly the same happened to Frank Nobilo

# Harris makes **Jansher fight**

Squash

Del Harris made Jansher Khan fight all the way to win a record seventh World Open title in Nicosia on Saturday. Harris from Essex, gave Jansher his toughest final in seven years. saving three match points to win the third game. It took the world champion a gracing 101 minutes to eventually win 1: 40, 17-14, 16-17, 15-8.

World Open titles of his compatriot, Jahangir Khan but said: "I felt a lot of pressure. 1 am 26 and getting older by the day. If I lost now, it would be difficult to keep the momentum."

Harris, only the second Eng-lish player to reach the World Orlando Woolridge, who played for Buckler Bologna in last month's McDonald's mestic players will improve just from playing alongside better Americans and that will also Open final, said: "I thought I could win it. I should have taken the second game when I led 13-10, then holding him through three match points in the third game to take it 17-16 would have made it 2-1 to me instead of the other way round."

There will be little rest for either player because Pakistan. the defending champions, meet England today in the opening match of the World Team Championships in Cairo. The organisers said neither team had submitted their order of play so it was not clear whether Jansh-

# for record

Jansher surpassed til six

er and Harris would meet again.

yesterday. I am not sour but I am sad – it was a bit expensive for us in the individual event." The Irish duo of Darren Clarke and Philip Walton finished equal sixth with 561. Wales's Mark Mouland and Phillip Price finished down the field on 570 with England's Mark Roe and Paul Broadhurst further back on 580. The defending champion

Britain's Laura Davies, hit a 70 vesterday to finish on 211 and seal her third win on the Japan tour, the Itoen Ladies tournament in Chonan, by two strokes after Mayumi Hirase, of Japan, bogeyed the last two holes to squander her chance of victory.

### RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

Battley (20) 21, Wakefield (8) 14. Battley: Tries Torramson 2, Hamson, D Heron; Goals Charman 2, Drop Wisson, Wakefield: Tries Bjrm, Grag: Goals Leeds 3, (1,522) Bradford (2.0) 22, Sheffield (0) 0. Bradford: Braes Eins, Farbank, Paul: Goals Eins 5. (3.353):

U.3.33: Brandey (2) 4, Hunslet (6) 22. Brandey: Brandey (2) 4, Hunslet Tries Viler 2, Brook, Heriser; Goals Close 3, (1,000) Cartiste (10) 19. Castleford (18) 18.
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Tales J Flowers, Mikau, C Smith; Goals Masiel
3: (850)

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Warmickshire are looking to South Arloa for for a possible overseas signing
next season and the fast bowler Sheuri
Pollock, named in South Africa's Test
squad, is a candidate who fits the English county champions' requirements.
Pollock, son of the former Test fast
bowler, Peter, is among several South
African cricketers whom Warwickshire
rave in mind for next season.
PAGSTAN A SQUAD (v England A, first international, Michael, 17-21, Novembert, Sheternational, Michael, 17-21, Novembert, Shedri Arwar, Mohammed Raman, Shadab Kabir,
Vasim Yousuft, Avram Raba, Nadeem Khan,
Shoab Akasr, Mohammed Zahid, Shadib
Shoab, Salman Fezal, Habir Nhan, Mubashir
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MILITHRETUCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON Men: 1.6 Si-ve (Med 2h 11mm' 2 P Dens (GB) 2:11:05; 3 W Koeth (Ken) 2:11:19. Worsent: 1 T Lor-oute (Ken) 2:28:06; 2 M Machado (Por 2:30:37; 3 L Siegers (Bel) 2:32:08.

Basketball

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104 Charlotta 90; Washington 109 New York
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Urah 109 Derwer 86; JA Labers 100 Seattle
97; Vancouver 91 IA Cispoen 98. (Saturately)
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Marmi 93; New Jersey 86 Sacramento 84;
Chicago 110 Portland 106; Atlanta 113 Deltes 100; Houston 119 Minnesotta 97; Seattie 117 Vancouver 81; Golden State 123 LA
Labers 105.

BOXING
PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (Halifax):
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WORLD BOONNE COUNCIL LIGHT-FLY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP (Banglock): S Sojaurong (That, holder) bit Y Hessone (Lepan)

Warwickshire are looking to South Ar-

stance.

Barrie Clarke, the British open cyclopanter Canke, the chillent open cyclo-cross champion, gained the lead in the four-race National Trophy series when he beat the former holder, David Bak-er, to win yesterday's second round over a 12.5-mile course at Aldersley Stadi-

Equestrianism

MELSTREET INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW
(County Cort): Aer Rhoste Cork Stalens: 1
Voor Dragy MA-M Brack, Port clear, 33.37se;
2 Umos Du Mainer (A-F Lest, Port clear, 33.67;
3 What A Gome (U Richnoff, Ger) deer, 34.01.
GR: Beerest Mage: Carpet (M Whitzker) 4 Sauts,
34.05, Voleo World Cup qualifier: 1 VDL Emiion (U Northhorf, Ger) clear, 34.13se;; 2 La
Ira (P Charles, fr) clear, 36.02; 3 Moster Meddox (H Springer, Saud deer, 37.17, Reg 9 Everest Showtime (N Skelton, GB) four faute in first
round, Quillis Woollee Marinet Speed Denby: 1 Rocking Blue (A Ledermann, Fr)
47.22/sec; 2 Lon's Son (H Springer, Seri)
47.92; 3 Sautolle de Sasse (H Godgnon, F)
48.01; 5 Everest Umred Edition (N Skelton,
GB) 48.48.

Colin Montgomerie fired a disappoint-ing final round 71 to finish fourth in the Talhelyo Masters in Tokyo yesterday. Montgomerie, who had moved within two shots of the lead with a 65 on Sat-urday, struggled with a left-wrist injury and finished with a four-round total of 280, eight under part six shots addit

and tensels with a lour-round total of 280, eight under par and six shots adrift of the winner, Satoshi Higashi, of Japan, He said: "My wrist is very sore" and I think I've aggrevated it. I didn't play very well at all and I was teaking the ball out to the right." the ball out to the right."

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(US) 74 71 75 72; H Wedsworth (GB) 75 74
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Hockey

HISCKEY

BITERNATIONAL TRAINING MATCH: Great
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NATRONAL LEAGUE First Division: Technington
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4; Bournalis 4 Stourport 0; Cannock 4 Cansensing 10; Hoursiow 4 Hull 1; Reading 2 Guidford 2; Southgate 4 Indian Gymbiene 2; Suthaton
3 East Grinsteed 2; Tropers 2 Sta Abare 0,
Standings: 1 Reading (PS, Philip; 2 Old
Loughtonsers (6-16); 3 Cannock (8-15); 50oned Division: Bession 5 Edgleston 1; Blueharts 4 Cay of Portsmouth 1; Bromley 5 Sheffield
1; Brootlands 1 Slough 0; Cooshe 4 Gauteister Cay 2; Freibrands 3 Rectmontd 1; Hartostead and Westmartete 0 Oxford Univ 1; laca
2 Harleston Magnes 1; Otton and West Warwack 0 Domaster 2, Standings: 1 Bession (PS,
Phills; 2 Bushends (6-19); 3 Bromley (6-12),
NASTRO AZZIRRIO SOUTH PREMIER: Anchonars 3 Majdenhead 0; Chichester 3 Lorre,
0; Feerbarn 3 Lewes 6; Gere Court 2 Oxford
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Old Walcoumbers 0; Wintingsion 2 Ashford 1,
Standings: 1 Oxford Heavis (P7, P317; 2 Lewes
(7-16); 3 Anchorers 7-14.

DIZ REDLAND PREMIER: Bridgmorth 1 North
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### SPORTING DIGEST

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Notingham (6-14); 3 Harbonie (6-12);
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Notingham (6-14); 3 Harbonie (6-12);
Notingham (6-14); 3 Sheffield Bankers 1; Nestan 2 Formby 2; Notion 4 Halfar 4; Imperley
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Ps.18); 2 Formby 6; Beh Bucc. 4 Whitehurch 1;
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MALES Premiers Beh Bucc. 4 Whitehurch 1;
Bristol Link 3 Weston-super-Mare 4; Easter Link
O Taurmon Vale 3; Ppermit I Seanses 0; Robinsors 4 Cheltenham 1. Standings: 1 Beth Buccarriess (P6, Ps.15); 2 Weston-super-Mare
(6-15); 3 Robinsons (6-12).
ADNAMS EAST PREMIER: Bishoo's Stortford
I Chelmstond 2; Bury St Edmunds 1 Bedford
Town 0; Cambridge Chy 3 Colchester 2; Carriondge Univ O Dissuich 3; Peterborough Town
2 Redbridge and Brond 1. Standings: 1 Ipswich (P6, Ps.18); 2 Cambridge Chy (6-13);
3 Peterborough Town (6-12).
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3 Peterborough Town (6-12).

LACE MAWWER NORTH WEST First Division: Bebriggon 3 Liveppool Safton 1; Chestham Hill 1, Lytham 31. Annes 3; Deesade Ramblers 3 Colven 89 (7: Didabup) Northam 1. Prescot 2; Giaso 3 Boudon 0; Mandhester Univ 3 Manchester 3; Morecardhe 2 Neston 0; Preston O Macclessfield 3; Warmegton 0 Northop Half 1; West Dertly 0 Winnington Park 3. Standinges 1 Lytham St. Annes (P6, Ps.18); 2 Northop Half (6-16); 3 Mesclessfield (6-15). WOMEN'S MATHOMAL LEASUE Presiden Bracknell 1 Stough 2; Ciston 0 Sutton Carada Life (7: Donocister 0 Basken Leisate 2; beswich 0 Hightown 2. Standings: 1 Hightown (P6, Ps.13); 3 Sutton Carada Life (6-12); 3 Stough (6-12). Heat Division: Brackford Swithenbert 1. Sunderland Bedans 2; Chelmsford 1 Contentury 2; Ermouth 2 Buerharts 1; Trojans (6-12). Examples 2: Division: Brackford Swithenbert 1. Sunderland Bedans 2; Chelmsford 1 Contentury 2; Ermouth 2 Buerharts 1; Trojans (6-18); 2 Cartesbury (6-18); 3 Chelmsford 6-8. Second Divisions Advides 0 Ofton 1; Esling 1 Wolding C, Shewood 3 Reading (5: S) Albarts 0 Loughborough Suderns 4, Standings: 1 Chon (6-18); 2 Novement 1, Stendings: 1 Blackdown (6-18); 2 Poynton (6-13); 3 York 6-10. WOMEN'S SOUTH Premier: Dulwich 3 Chy of WOMEN'S SOUTH Premier: Dulwich 3 Chy of WOMEN'S SOUTH Premier: Dulwich 3 Chy of

6-10.

i Blackburn (6-18); 2 Poynton (6-13); 3 York.
6-10.
WOMEN'S SOUTH Premier: Dulwich 3 City of Portsmouth 0; Hendon 2 Southernplon 5; West Wirney 2 Winchester 1; Whothmore Hill 3 Camberley D; Worthing 2 Hernpsteed and Westmarter 0. Standings: 1 West Wirney (6-15); 2 Dulwich 6-14; 3 Wenthester (6-10).
WOMEN'S MIDILAND Premier: Beginn Town 1 Perent 3; Chinson Rambiers 3 Kitering 0; Hampton in Arden 3 Tarmorth 0; Pickerick 2 Belsem Leousier 3. Standings: 1 Chronon Rambiers (6-16); 2 Ketarring (6-13); 3 Hampton in Arden (6-10).
WOMEN'S EAST SUPER LEAGUE Premier: Bedeyheath 4 Welwyn Garden City 0; Harleston Magnes 1 Old Loughtoniers 2 Sevenore 0 Cambridge City 2; Sevenodes 2 (powich 1, Standings: 1 Old Loughtoniers 5; Solly 3 Bedeyheath (5-10); 3 Ipsmids 5-9.
WOMEN'S TRYSPORTS THREE COUNTRES First Divisions Henley 3 Newtony 3; Oxford Hawles 4 Brackmell 0; Ramelegh 0 Famharm Control 3; Reading 1 Nelton Keynes 0; Sommon 3; Reading 1 Nelton Keynes 0; Sommon OWest Wirrey 3; Weisingham 0 Wycombe Rye 0, Standings: 3 Oxford Hawles (P4, Pts.12); 2 Brackmell (4-9); 3 West Wirrey (3-7).

ice hockey

league history.

Plans for a new European competition
– a development of the Atlantic Cup ~
have been put forward to the International loe Hockey Federation. The new
tournament, proposed by the Netterlands Ice Hockey Association, would involve four clubs from Britain, two from
France, and one each from the Netterlands and Danmark. The competition
would be in addition to the revamped
Furnosean Leadue, which is set to rewould be in addition to the revamped European Laegue, which is set to re-place the European Cup next season. NRL (Friday): NY Rangers 4 NY Islanders 1; Tampa Bay S Edmonton 4 (a/t; Torono 6 Ween-Ington 1: St Louis 3 Winnapeg 2; Sen Jose 1 Pritishing 9. (Seatorday) New Jersey 4 Pritishing 1. (Westingen 1 Chicago 4; Los Angles 3 Pottishing 1; San Jose 2 Detroit 5; Vancouver 4 Colorado 8.

lee skating

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS (Basingstoke):
Senior men's final: 1 S Cousins (Decedie)
1.5pts; 2 N Wilson (Duraturals) 3.5; 3 Devidings (Blackburn) 5.5. Senior lee dieme final:
1 M Humphreys and P Asiaw (Slough) 2.0; 2
C Williams and A Place (Basingstoke) 4.0; 3
L Durn and J Durn (Blackburn) 6.0. Senior pairs final: 1 L Rogers and M Aldred (Solihut)
1.5; 2 N Thomas and D Thomas (Chelmstord)
3.0; 3 K Hamilton and D Haywood (Oxford) 4.5.

Netbali THIRD TEST (Manchester Velodrome): Great Britain 51 Cook Islands 48. (Britain win

Pools news prividend Forecast: moderate; no claims are required. Scare draws (11): 4 8 13 16 18 26 32 44 49 55 57, No-score draws (5): 25 43 47 50 54. Rowing
THAGES WORLD SCULLING CHALLENGE (Putmay to Mortales, River Thomas): 1 P Hairing
(Sco) 20min 11sec; 2 N O'Toole (M) 20:41;
3 F Goebel (Neth) 20:41.

Rugby League The Rugby Football League have made two Super League appointments. Mark Newton, the former Surrey County Cricket Club official, is the new direc-

tor of marketing and a former senior tax inspector, Tony Gale, 55, is to become

internal Audit Executive. Rugby Union

Bristol No 8 Martin Corry, a member of the England training squad, will be out of action for at least three weeks after being concussed during Saturday's 17-9 deleat by Wasps at the Memor-

Saffing

MOL WINTER SERIES (Hamble): CHS1: S
Fen (Full Perl, CHS2: R Daws (Another Curning Panl, CHS2: P Rutter (Quokka), CHS4:
P Pym (Rootster), CHS6: P Smrth and C Dowing (Scorpion), CHS6: A Hill (Filoz), Sigma
38: J Diver (Redcost III), Sigma 33: J Nelson (Stadowfar), XS6: A McInzne (Next Jelyi),
Sportbosts: T Richardson (Premier Cru), 124:
J Anderson (Tiger), Melges 24: R Pinneli (Pinnell and Bay).

Skiling
APPINE WOLD CUP (Tignes, Fr) Mean's grant statem: 1 M von Gruenigen (5wit) 2min 21. 38sec filst leg 1:10.76, second 1:10.62); 21. Nis. (Non' 2:21.46 (1:11.63, 1:09.79); 3 V Keelin (5wit) 2:21.68 (1:11.63, 1:10.05); 4 S Locher (5wit) 2:25, 7 (1:12.56, 1:10.32); 5 G Koenigereiner (ti) 2:23.08 (1:12:04, 1:11.04); 6 P Arcole (5wit) 2:23.12 (1:13.38, 1:09.75); 7 H Kreus, (Aut) 2:23.12 (1:12.52, 1:10.83); 8 C Saloni (Fr) 2:23.74 (1:12.03, 1:11.71); 9 H C Strend Nisson (Nor) 2:23.76 (1:12.45, 1:11.31); 10 F Nyberg (5we) 2:23.80 (1:12.68, 1:11.12); 11 No Aemout (Nor) 2:24.21 (1:12.52, 1:11.69); 12.) Srobi (Aut) 2:24.28 (1:13.31, 1:10.97).

SHOOSEOF\*
BENSON AND HEDGES CHAMPIONSHIP
(Edisburgh) Fifth round: G Dott (Sco) bt J
Woodman (Eng) 5-1; M Couch (Eng) bt D
Reynolds (Eng) 5-1; M Susers (Wail bt K
Broughton (Eng) 5-2; R Lawler (Eng) bt S Lee
(Eng) 5-4; A Cheerne (Ind) bt G Greene (Eng)
5-3; R Milliams (Eng) bt S James (Eng) 5-3; M
Wilson (Eng) bt S Reardon (Eng) 5-4; P
McPhilips (Sco) bt N Walker (Eng) 5-3.

WORLD OPEN (Nicosia) Final: Jansher Khan (Pek) bt D Harris (Eng. 15-10 17-14 16-17 15-8. DETJEN WOMEN'S GRAND PROX (Nicosia)
Final: M Marun (Aus) bt S FitzGerald (Aus)

GRAND PRIK MEET (Cambermand) Ment 50m breaststroker 1 J Partack (Leeds) 29.40sec; 2 R Maden (Aquabears) 29.61; 3 P Melhuish (Cardif) 29.91.50m butterfly: 1 M Foster (Cardif) 29.92.1 Holeran (Stockport Metro) 24.84; 3 M Flopers (Hat-fletd) 25.26. 100m backstroker 1 M Harms Malatiman Foruss) 6.45 3: 2 N Willia (Ramel (Shorport Metro) 24.84; 3 M Fibbers (Har-field) 25.26. 100m bencharteker 1 M Harns (Waitham Forest) 54.53; 2 N Wiley (Barnet Copital) 54.81; 3 J Hickman 55.14. 100er freestyler 1 Foster 49.30; 2 S les (F) 50.30; 3 Fibbers 50.65. 200m bencharteker 1 Horns 158.21; 2 R Hope (Warrender) 2:02.54; 3 Wiley 2:02, 77. 200m freestyler 1 S les (F) 1:51.96; 2 G Smith (Stockport Metro) 1:52.50; 3 C McCabe (Bradfort) 1:52.79; 200m breaststroker I Maden 2:15.97; 2 A Turner (Maruchester Unied Sational 2:16.45; 3 D Strarkey (Trojan, In) 2:18.94, 200m but-bority: 1 J Hickman 1:57.80; 2 D Warren (Leeda) 2:04.62; 3 I Wilson (Leeds) 2:04.77. 200m but-bendiey; 1 J Hickman 2:01.71; 2 F Walker (Warrington Warnors) 2:02.88; 3 D War-en (Leeds) 2:07.29, 4:00m Steestylet 1 Smith 3:50.65 (Soottash record); 2 I Wilson (Leeds) 3:57.48.

Women: 50m backstroke: 1 S Volker (Ger) 28.65; 2 K Osher (Eding 29.80; 3 P McLean (String 30.39. 50m batksrift; 1 Volker 28.92; 2 S Rojoh (Newcastle) 28.42; 3 M Macine (Dewentschel 28.94. 50m freestyle: 1 Volker 25.46; 2 Rojoh (Newcastle) 28.42; 3 M Marine (Dewentschel 28.94. 50m freestyle: 1 Volker 25.46; 2 Rojoh 25.93; 100m branschtzaite: 1 8 Robertson (Aberdeen) 1:14.50; 2 B Lorter 6r) 1:15.65; 3 N Ravely (Derwentschel) 1:16.32; 100m brattarity: 1 Native 1:02.87; 2 S Purves (Derwentsche) 1:02.97; 3 K Martin (String) 1:03.65; 100m freestyle: 1 Volker 54.80; 2 Rojoh 55.42; 3 Howcord; 57.49; 200m beckstroke: 1 Osher 2:12.97; 2 A Penduch (Cumbernaud) 2:18.40; 3 N Steel (Aberdeen) 2:18.91; 2 Dolhar freestyle: 1 V Homer (Derwentschel) 4:15.95; 2 N Crosbe (Warmgloon Warnors; 4:19.60; 3 A Parchich (Cumbernaud) 4:23.04; 400m medley: 1 Homer 4:52.01; 2 Palmer 4:53.18; 3 Crosbie 4:54.71; 800m freestyle: 1 Homer 8:48.45; 2 Crosbie 8:52.32; 3 S Colings (Bridford) 6:58.42, 4 x 50m freestyle: 148.97; 3 Bradford 1:50.91, 4 x 50m freestyle: 148.97; 3 Bradford 1:50.91, 4 x 50m freestyle: 148.71; 3 Cookmare (kt) 1:49.41.

STOCKHOLM OPEN Semi-finalis: A Boetsch (Fr) bt D Princell (Ger) 6-1 1-6 7-5; T Empiret (Swe) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-2 6-1. Final: Enquest bt Boetsch 7-5 6-4. Doubles semi-finalis: J Enrigh and P Hearhuls (Neth) bt M Knowles (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) 6-4 6-3; G Connell (Can) and P Galbrath (US) bt T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) 7-6 6-4. KREMEN CUP (Morcow) Semi-finals: C-U Steeh (Ger) by M Rosset (Swil) 7-5 5-7-6-4; D Vacek (C2 Rep) by V Kafelnikov (Rus) 7-6-3-6-7-6. Finals Steeh by Vacek 7-6-3-6 7-6.

SOUTH AMERICAN TOPPER OPEN (Buenes Aires) Quarter-finale: C Moya Sapin bt J Novasi (C Rep) 7-5 6-3; F Mamille (Sp) bt A Correta (Sp) 3-6 6-3 6-3. Doubles quarter-finale: V Spadea (US) and C van Rensburg (SA) bt J Eagle and A Florent (Aus) 7-5 6-4; Novok and Dand Ridi (Cz Rep) bt T Cerbonell and F Rog (Sp) 7-5 6-3.

ATP TOUR CHALLENGER (Pelving) Somi-finale J Dunto-Saka (Pol) bt T Herman (GB) 7-6 8-3. ADVANTA WIDMERS (PAR CHAMPORTSTURE)

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# Price is right for small-town giants



GLENN MOORE COMMENTARY



It did not need the FA Cup to bring a touch of magic to the Forest of Dean. Local lore

has it that the ancient

forest has been be-

witched for centuries. But for all the legends of Arthurian knights and wizards, the inhabitants are no more immune to the old pot's spell than anyone else. Any area with a heritage centre can always do with fresh romance, if only to focus pride on the present, and on Saturday the modern-day Foresters created a fairy-tale for themselves.

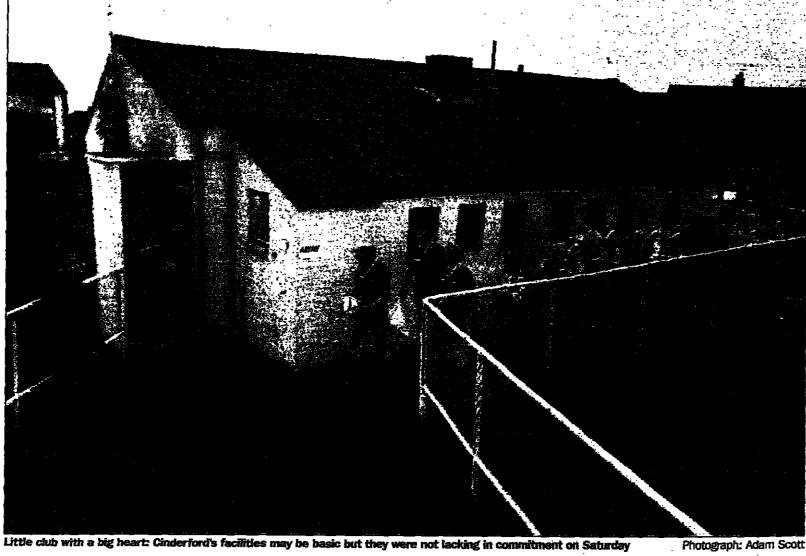
Cinderford Town, the Cinderella club of the FA Cup first round, twice got to the ball first and sent it into the back of the net. Bromsgrove Rovers may not be a League side, but the shock was a seismic one in the non-League world. It was also a vivid demonstration of the FA Cup's enduring potential for joy. Bromsgrove are one of the

part-time game's big fish. Three years ago they missed promotion to the Football League by one place, two years ago they knocked Northampton out of the FA Cup and narrowly lost

Cinderford are one of the minnows. Six years ago they were in the Gloucestershire County League playing in front of a cluster rather than a crowd, 30 being an average attendance.

Three promotions have carried them into the Beazer Homes League Southern Division, two grades below Bromsgrove. They have also levelled, at a cost of £70,000, a pitch which sloped 18 feet from one corner to the other - enough to make Yeovil's famous old Huish

look like a bowling green. There is no local Jack Walker involved. "This has been done." Chris Warren, the secretary, said, "through hard work and volunteers." This is the level where shirt sponsorship is sold by raffle; where supporters travel on the team coach; and where the club apologises for



having to double its admission price (to £6) under FA regulations. It is a refreshing antidote to the growing greed of the pro-

So, too, is the attitude of Chris Price. Five years ago he was playing against Internazionale for Aston Villa and he later became one of Kenny Dalglish's first signings for Blackburn Rovers. While he never played for England except at youth level, he did play at Wembley and San Siro. By the standards of his current team-mates, he has been there, done that, yet you could not have found a more committed

The 35-year-old scored the first and had a hand in the second. The effects of a viral infection then forced him off the pitch but not out of the action. As Cinderford hung on, Price, looking faintly comical in a red-andwhite bobble hat, maintained a

high-decibel stream of cussing the very stuff of the FA Cup's and cajoling. "Be strong, be romance. This was their first apstrong," he barked.

They were, none more so than Gareth Howells, a centre-half with the build of a prop forward. Late on, he crashed into Rickey Carter, Bromsgrove's star striker, taking man, ball and half an acre of sodden sod. As Carter, who had not been fit enough to start, understandably reacted angrily and the referee reached for his yellow card, Price turned away, purring 'Yes'. Alongside Howells was Chris

Boxall, a Wembley veteran of

the 1987 FA Trophy with Kidplayer in the ground. derminster. In attack was Danny Hill, who had scored 12 goals in 19 games and looked capable of playing at a much higher level. Hill was one of four local lads, no mean achievement in an area where most schools play rugby. Bromsgrove's go Cinderford's giantkilling was Price tapped in.

proper and within half a mile of the ground sheep can be seen grazing alongside the high street while hens peck in back gardens. The ground has exposed grass banking on three sides and 250

seats (concrete benches) in all. The occasion was as gripping as the Cup will offer all season. On a mudbath pitch, it was hardly the football we need to develop to succeed in Europe but it was compelling entertainment.

From the first, Bromsgrove looked stronger, fitter and sharper. But for an outstanding save by Russ Bowles they would have been ahead within 17 minutes. Then Cinderford scored in their first sustained attack. A large deflection looped Chris Smith's cross over Chris Taylor, Bromsgrove's goalkeeper, and

Eighteen minutes later, after another excellent save by Bowles, Hill drove a loose ball line and they even survived four minutes of added time. Tim Harris, who has been through a crowd of players afmanager for most of the past ter John Hamilton's cross and eight years, said words could not express his delight. Price, more Price's hustling had caused

a matter of hanging on.
As the fog rolled in, making the players look like spooky silhouettes in the wan glow of the recently installed floodlights, Bromsgrove piled forward. Shots were blocked, went wide, or hit the side-netting. Bowles, a former boxer, dropped the ball in the box but recovered; a corner fell at Andy Dale's feet but he could not react in time; a bad back-pass was hacked clear and 19 corners went begging.

problems. From then on, it was

80) 2-1. Cfudenford Town (3-5-2): Bowles; Cole, Bosell, Howels; Price (Chicle, 52), Thorins, Hamilgon, Crouch, Wilton; Hill (Fownerd, 78), C Smith, Substitute not neach Hams, Bromagnove Rowers (3-5-2): Taylor; Dowling Carter, 64), Richardson, Randott, Stellang, Smith, Grocurt, Crisp, Brighton; Dale, Radburn (Power, 78), Substitute not transf: Glasser, Reference; Churchten (Smith) With 10 minutes left, Howells brought down Jimmy Skelding in the area and the full-back got up to convert the penalty. Cinderford bordered on panic, but Howells cleared off the

# Cardiff too polished for **Diamonds**

Wearing a vindicated smile, Kenny Hibbitt addressed the press pack with Bradfordian bluntness. "You're all sick as pigs, aren't you?" the Cardiff City manager said after a 3-1 win at Rush-den and Diamonds. "You're

only here because you expected them to knock us over. It was a fair cop. The dozen or so vultures, including your correspondent, could only curse Cardiff's failure to fulfil their allotted role against the Beazer Homes League leaders. We lispersed, envying those who had alighted on one of the upsets of the FA Cup's first round: at Gravesend and Northfleet, where Colchester fell 2-0; Bury,

who beat Bristol Rovers 2-1. There is, of course, a glorious lack of logic to it all. None of the trio who overcame full-time opposition on Saturday play in the senior non-League competi-tion, the GM Vauxhall Conference, from which, remarkably, only Telford are definitely through to the second round.

scene of Blyth Spartans' victo-

ry by the same score; or Hitchin,

Gravesend are 12 places and 14 points adrift of Rushden and Diamonds, while Colchester stand 16 rungs higher than Cardiff. All of which counted for nothing as "the Fleet" sailed into the second round for the first time in 32 years.

Blyth's last Cup run took them rather further, to the brink of the quarter-finals in 1978, Now in the UniBond League, they produced the display of the day at Gigg Lane. Hitchin, 16th in the Icis League Premier Division, stunned Rovers twice in nine minutes and then restricted the Second Division side to a solitary goal. The last time Rovers lost to

"We are 90 minutes from the non-League opponents - at Ketbig boys," Harris said. First, tering, a few miles from the Irthlingborough base of Rushden however, it is back to the bread and Diamonds - Hibbitt was and butter. Next Saturday the their assistant manager. The for-mer Wolves midfielder has since visitors are Erith and Belvedere. loeks; Proce (32) 1-0; Hill (50) 2-0; Skelding (pen, been in charge of a Walsall team beaten at home by Yeovil, and he admitted that such experiences ation: "I told them: 'Don't get the

Phil Shaw sees a potential FA Cup first-round upset come to naught

dom likely to be thems once Lee Jarman, a 17-year-old Hibber likens to Alan Hansen, had added to Carl Dale's open The Diamonds sparkled briefly after Al-James Hannigan scored at a time when Cardiff, in their manager's words, were "still having their half-time cuppa? Dale's diving header, a gean de nied to a wider audience by the mysterious absence of Match of the Day, finished them off.

As he surveyed the splendous of Nene Park, Hibbits put his finger on a key factor in Cardiff's managing to avoid a repetition of the embarrassments inflicted by Bath, Hayes and Emfield in recent seasons, Put simply, the Diamonds' futuristic facilities. bankrolled by £10m from the Doc Martens shoemaking empire, may be too welcoming for

their own good.
Would-be giantkillers do not need a sloping quaganize to play on, partisan support inches from the touchline, or a damp dressing-room with lukewarm tea for their visitors. But it certainly helps. Despite a day of rain, the surface was perfect. Most of the 4,212 speciators watched from the comfort of a seat, and the Cardiff players could even wind down (or up) in a Jacuzzi.

I told my lads it would suit us better than them," Hibbitt said. "It's a superb place to play, and that lifts teams when they come here. It was the same ground at Walsall. Everyone ranted to perform on it.

Disappointed as the Dia monds were, their manager Roger Ashby was not merely trotting out a clické by suggesting that Wednesday's match at VS Rugby was more important. "See you in the Conference next year," a foghorn fan kept shouting at the Welsh contingent. Or even, he might have added, in the Football League the year after.

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edrawn to

### Pickering tries to curb Derby's sternest critic

After more than 30 years reporting their affairs, Derby's match against West Bromwich represented a routine Baseball Ground Saturday for sportswriter Neil Hallam... in all but one respect.

Instead of occupying his reg-ular place in the press-box, Hailam's viewpoint was a £12 seat in the grandstand. In the latest example of a club attempting to chairman, Lionel Pickering, who has invested £12m in trying - in vain - to win a place in the Premiership, has barred Hallam from press facilities at the club. Pickering took exception, apparently, to the tone of Hallam's



killings of the FA Cup don't come round, second replay scoreline: usually until January - but histo- Chorley 3 Wolves O. The highest ry shows that the early rounds can point in Chorley's history was pos-be treacherous territory for a big sibly the lowest for Wolves, who name fallen from grace.

Coventry City's best days were still to come in November 1961. Division and deeply in debt, the but, even so, defeat against king's Lynn, of the Southern League, caused heads to roll at manager, Graham Turner, took on Highfield Road, leading directly an unknown cast-off from West to the appointment as manager.

comments in his column in Derby's free newspaper, The Trader, even though he insists he has "bent over backwards to be fair to Jim Smith (manager since June) after the situation he inherited."

This is just a teensy bit rich. Hallam has been penning his ob-senations no less outspokenly in The Trader since 1968, with the full backing of the man who start-

fiant proprietor who could not have given more support," Hallam said. "Brian Clough once banned him from the ground."

be the architect of their rise. And, lest anyone at Molineux should think the current crisis is With the major clubs absent undeep enough, remember 24 Notil the third round, the real giant-vember, 1986 and this first. had been in Europe six years ear-

Bruno loves the rough stuff Andrea Silenzi may be champing at the bit but

not so the other Serie A exports seeking to settle in Britain. Nano Bonetti, the Forest striker's former Torino chum, turned in another spanding show for Grimsby on Saturday, while the likelihood

"The irony is that he was a brilwith that of Vinnle Jones.

annot quite imagination Grimsby having a similar lure of Jimmy Hill, who turned out to for Bonetti, but who knows? Red card

... for failing to accept that no

player is bigger than his club. Collymore's first months at Liver-

pool have clearly been difficult,

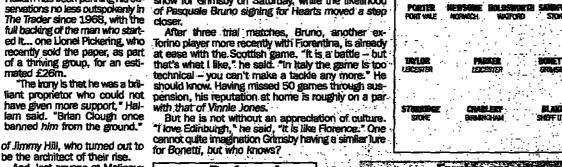
but it is surely up to him to eam-

his place in the first team. Com-

plaining in public about his treat-

ment will do nothing to change his image as a "difficult" individual who has trouble fitting into a

STAN COLLYMORE



That was the weekend that was

**ENDSLEIGH XI** 

Frankly speaking "Some lungitic fans who had a go at him eadler in the season now think he's britliant, but he's useless when he plays for 90 minutes. So I'll keep using him as sub."

Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, after Ken Charlery's fourth goal in three games – in all of them the forward started on the bench.

"To be frank - and you couldn't say this beforehand - with the side we put out it would have been a miracle if we'd got anything from the game," Howard said, "although that's not an excuse. I've just hold them to take Tuesday off and we'll start again on Thursday."

The players held an impromptu wake back home in Crosby, the mood at which was not helped by Match

Better side' loses 11-2

What do you say to a team who have just lost 11-2? Not a lot, according to Roly Howard the more than the record of the record of

Howard, the manager charged with lifting the spirits of poor old Marine, of the UniBond League,

after their FA Cup drubbing at Shrewsbury Town.

of the Day mercflessly showing all 11 goals with "Al-ways look on the bright side of life" as a soundtrack - but, in fact, the choice could not have been more

accustomed to the media glare, found some. "It is even better

than the good times with Villa," he said. "I am so pleased for

them," he added, gesturing around a jubilant dressing-room.

They have proved there is not

much difference in the standard;

we had the will to win."

appropriate.
"It may sound daft," Howard said, "huit until we let in those three goals just before half-time I thought we were the better side.



for recording the result of the round in the FA Cup. The Third Division side's 7-0 victory over Second Division Swansea City was a club record winning mar gin in the Cup. It brought weicome cheer to fans who have had little to celebrate since they were relegated to the League's bottom division this summer for the first time in their history.



make an emotional return there - albeit enforced by Ken Bates. The landlord of Stamford Bridge reacquainted himself with the hustle and busile of the paying classes at Alvin Martin's Testimonial match between West Ham and Chesea at Upton Park on Saturday Photograph: Allsport

Fact and tiction from the Sunday papers

n Bruce Rioch and banned agent Rune Hauge - in a hotel. The People also claims a £3m restaurant in Nonvay - the Sun-bid by Arsenal for Blackburn's

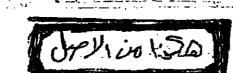
Bates, their story says, is dis-satisfied with Hoddle's perfor-mance as manager and feels that he is siding with Harding in the agent Dennis Roach to help him-

As if Stan Collymore's widely reported threat to quit was not enough; the People reckons that Liverpool have another rebellious crew member on their hands in Net Ruddock, who is retrumpeted a "world exclusive" ported to be seeking assurances story of a "secret" meeting be- about his future after losing his first-team place.

day-Mirror claimed that Rioch's - Graeme Le Saux, although Ray disgraced predecessor, George Harford does not want to sell, and Graham, will become manager suggests Paul Ince will become of Chelsea if Ken Battes wins his a £6.5m capture for Newcastle board/room showdown with this week. Meanwhile, the News of the

find a new club, possibly in Italy.







# Level-headed: Alan Brett (centre) heads Canvey Island's late equaliser at Park Lane yesterday just eight minutes before the final whistle

It was that close - and

# Rust's save keeps Brighton alive

RUPERT METCALF

Canvey Island

Brighton

A desperate fingertip save from his goal-keeper, Nicky Rust,

kept Liam Brady's Brighton team in the FA Cup at a packed Park Lane ground vesterday. The Second Division club, fihalists in 1983, were grateful to take their humble hosts, playing in the first round for the first

Goldstone Ground for a replay tomorrow week to decide who visits Fulham in the next round.

The struggling Sussex side were clinging on to their 2-1 in-terval lead when Canvey Island equalised for a second time eight minutes from the end. Two minutes later Alan Harding, fresh off the bench, embarked on a thrilling run from the halfway line which took him through the Brighton defence. His shot was hard and true, but Rust flung himself down to make the save and was relieved to see the loose ball just evade the on-

time in their history, back to the rushing Glenn Pennyfather.

Brighton could not have complained too much if they had been beaten, for they were second best throughout a pulsating second half. "I thought they might tire, but they didn't," a tetchy Brady said. "At least we're better off than we were last year." At this stage 12

"Once we adjusted to their pace, we matched them," Canvey's manager, Jeff King, a

months ago, his team were

knocked out by another Icis

(Isthmian) League club,

iday camp entrepreneur, said. "We won't catch them by surprise next time, but we'll do our best. We're enjoying our-

The early play suggested the visitors would be celebrating at the end, though, and it was no surprise when Brighton took the lead in the 16th minute. Dean Wilkins whipped in a free-kick from the left flank and Junior McDougald headed high into the net, the ball brushing John Keeley's gloves on the way.

John Byrne, a Cup finalist with Sunderland in 1992,

The other casualties of Sat-

urday's Endsleigh League action

sive diving header from the burly centre-half, Steve Porter. Six minutes before the interval. though, the Seagulls were ahead again, McDougald pouncing on a slip by Kevin Lee to shoot low past Keeley, a former Brighton goalkeeper.

31st minute, but two minutes

later Canvey were level. After

the ball was worked across the

penalty area, the right-back,

Wayne Joscelyn, swung over a

cross which was met by a deci-

McDougald missed a great opportunity to complete his portly local night-club and hol- hooked a shot just wide in the ing wide from a Peter Smith

land into their decisive Euro-

last real chance. Canvey surged forward for the rest of the game, and were rewarded at last when a throw-in from Joscelyn was flicked on by Porter for Alan Brett, who works at the Watford printing firm which produces the Mirror and this newspaper, to head home with

cross, but that was Brighton's

unrestramed glee.
Camvey Island (4-4-2): Reeley, Joselyn, Lee,
Porter, Martin (Blaikabrough, 31); Brett, Britnel, Pizzey, Pennylather, Jones, Mahoney
(Harding, 67). Substitute not used: Desborough (gl).
Brighton and Hove Albion (4-4-2): Rust,
Smith, McCarrly, Osman, Myelt, Mundee (Manday, 71), Marton, Parrs, Wilfers; McDougaid,
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### but maintain belief JON CULLEY Leicester City Gould forced to change plans

# **Taylor under** threat after stalemate

PHIL SHAW

Wolverhampton Wanderers O Chariton Athletic

The pressure on Graham Taylor intensified last night after Wolves, who faced 10 men for 50 minutes following the dismissal of Carl Leaburn, had laboured to a second goalless draw with Charlton at Molineux in less than three weeks.

A repeat of their Coca-Cola Cup stalemate left the pre-season promotion favourites 18th in the First Division - which they led a year ago - and provoked a demonstration by several hundred supporters. After calling for the former England manager's dismissal, they chant-ed "Taylor for Albion", "Taylor for England" and even "Bring back the Fifties".

Quite how anyone mustered a sense of humour having witnessed this dire spectacle was a mystery. Even after Leaburn's departure, for swinging an el-bow in John de Wolf's face as they jostled while awaiting a Charlton free-kick, it was the visitors who played as if they had

the extra player. Later, when Taylor was pressed about his position, he replied: "If the Hayward family [the chib's owners] want me to go, they'll come and tell me to my face. But they're strange people in the football world they've got integrity. They've asked me to do this job, so it would be wrong of me to walk

away from it." In theory Wolves tails ought to have been up after a midweek replay victory over the same opponents. Instead. Charlton

passed the ball better, albeit

Funny how labels stick. More

than a decade has passed since

unsophisticated Watford made

their meteoric rise from Fourth

to First Division and vet, at the

mention of their name, it is still

the long-ball method that took

them there that comes to mind.

Liverpool between them and the

1983 Championship. Heady days, proud days. Or so one might have thought. Maybe not.

Today, even with no money and

the bottom of the new, inferior

First Division looming danger-

ously close, it seems their mis-

They finished second, only

**Watford stumble** 

without penetration, and the hosts still struggled to mount significant pressure after the ar-rival of Steve Bull as substitute.

By then, they might easily have been behind. Paul Jones. well off his goal-line, directed a clearance straight to Kim Grant. With a modicum of composure, Grant would have chipped the keeper as he back-peddled but he elected to drive the ball, which past hopelessly wide.

The crowd's reaction to Bull's introduction highlighted the no-win situation Taylor finds himself in. Cheers for the local hero turned into a storm of booing as it became clear that Mark Rankine, arguably Wolves' most effective performer, was the man to make

A header by De Wolf was saved by Mike Ammann, who then allowed an innocuous effort by Bull to squirm under his body before it trickled wide.

Seconds earlier, Jones had been forced to parry John Robinson's header at point blank range after a run and cross by John Humphrey.

In stoppage time Don Goodman's downward header from a Gordon Cowans' centre reared up and hit the bar. A goal then would have been a travesty for Charlton. Wolves, for all the protestations of boardroom support, may find it hard to stand by Taylor if there are many more afternoons like this.

Chariton Athletic (4-4-2): Ami Humphrey, Rufus, Chapple, Sturgess: ton (Nelson, 80), Bowyer, K Jones, Ro

# **Cup's giant-killers** are drawn together



Gravesend and Northfleet and Cinderford were drawn together last night for the right to play in the FA Cup third round.

Lionel Ball, the chairman of Gravesend, who are one division above Cinderford in the Beazer Homes League, said he was disappointed to miss out on the hance of seeing his team beat another Football League club. Ball, who is expecting a 25 000 windfall from the 2-0 Jefeat of Colchester on Saturlay, said: "My reaction when I neard the draw was a mixed one,

nut it does give us a good inance of going further." Cinderford, who defeated Bromsgrove to reach the second ound for the first time, have nev-

er plaved a League side. Telford, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, who went as far as he fifth round in 1985, when hey lost at Everton, will be hopng to add to their list of victims with a home tie against Notts

county. Also in the northern secion, Blyth Spartans' reward or beating Bury is another tway trip - to Stockport, the side

they knocked out at the same stage back in 1971.

Barrow, who play in the Unibond League with Blyth, have al to the side beaten 2-1 by Gera chance to relive some of their past glory with home advantage against the winners of the Wigan v Runcom replay. There is the possibility of a third all non-League clash with Enfield or the Isle of Wight club Newport at home to Woking if they beat Barnet at the second attempt.

Hitchin, who beat Bristol Rovers on Saturday, have the chance of a revenge game against Wycombe. Last year Wycombe, who play Gillingham tonight - won 5-0 at Hitchin at this stage. Hereford, eliminated by Hitchin at the first hurdle last year, face the danger of further ignominy against the estab-

minster or Sutton United.

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Wednesday have been disrupt-

minster or Sutton United.
FA GUP Second reused draw: Northern Section:
Barrow v Runcom or Wignt, Stockport v Blyth Section; Bactool v Botts Courty, Rochdale v Dealington; Blactgool v Colwyn Bay: Southorpe v Soresshury, Bractford Chy v Presson, Altincham or Crewe v Mansfeld: Half or Windham v Chesterfield. Southern Section: Torque v Wolsen; Herrtord v Notdermaster or Sumon United; Fulliam v 
Carriery Island or Bingtion; Oxford United v 
Northweston Town: Wooding: Gallington v 
Hacher Town; Peterborough v Bognor Regs: Town 
or Ashford Town; Criderford Town of Greensand & 
Northfeld: Sendon Town v Cardift, Newport (IdW) 
or Erfield v Bernet or Wolding; Bournestrouth or 
Bristol City v Brendford or Farmson City; Ringstonpon v Plymouth (Tiels to be played 2-3 December).

The plans of the Welsh manager, Bobby Gould, for his side's final European Championship qualifier in Albania on

ed by a spate of injuries. Gould had wanted to stay lovmany in Cardiff last month for the match in Tirana's Oemal Stafa stadium. But three of that team - Nathan Blake (ankle), Kit out and with four more squad

complex yesterday.

Symons (blood disorder) and Gary Speed (ankle) - have pulled members withdrawing it was a depleted Welsh party which trained at West Ham's Chadwell Heath

Robinson from the stand-by squad and will name another central defender today.

Andy Townsend is struggling time to lead the Republic of Ire- put Italy in front after the through to the finals.

match against Portugal in Lis-bon on Wednesday. were Crystal Palace's Chris Coleman (poisoned toe) and Townsend was last night the Ipswich midfielder. Geraint Williams, (Achilles tendon). named Footballer of the Year by Irish sportswriters, beating his Aston Villa teammate Paul while West Brom's Paul Mardon

added to Gould's misery by McGrath into second place and picking up an injury in training John Aldridge of Tranmere which has forced him to pull out. Gould has called up the un-capped duo of Crewe's Robbie into third. Fabrizio Ravanelli, the Ju-

Savage and Charlton's John ventus striker, helped Italy edge a step closer to Euro '96 with two goals in a 3-1 victory over the Ukraine in Bari on Saturday night. The silverto overcome a foot injury in haired striker equalised then

Ukraine had taken an early lead. Milan's Paolo Maldini pean Championship qualifying scored Italy's third with a brilliantly-taken volley.

Andry Polunin was credited with the Ukraine's goal in the 19th minute, latching on to a cross from the winger Gennady Orbu to beat the Italian goalkeeper, Angelo Peruzzi. Italy are level on 20 points

with Croatia at the top of Group Four with one match left to play. A draw in the last match of the campaign, at home to Lithuania, who like the Ukraine cannot qualify for the finals, will be enough to see Italy Gascoigne at centre of new controversy

sion to apologise for the past. "Whatever happens, there will be no route-one for us," Glenn Roeder said. The Watford manager, like his Leicester counterpart, is committed to the passing style and has no thoughts of wavering. "We don't have the players for it and we don't need to. If we play as we did today we'll get out of trouble."

It was the theme for the day. People look upon us as a team that like to play football, whatever the results," David Holdsworth the defender had said beforehand. "The days of Watford being known for their long-ball game have gone." Which, last season, when they

only just missed the play-offs. was all very well. This year, with

three wins in 16 games, the outlook is less rosy. Amid talk of another fragmentation of the old Football League, now is not the time to be in the lower reaches of the First Division.

Watford and Leicester did not look, in Roeder's view, like two teams 16 points apart. But, ultimately, even a Leicester team weary from its third match in seven days were not broken down. The closest Watford came to a goal was at the death, when Kevin Poole pulled off a brilliant

save to deny Kevin Phillips. That moment made Leicester's afternoon, preserving a lead gained through Iwan Roberts's 15th-minute tap-in and maintaining second place in the section. By then holding on had become a desperate business.

It made the day especially for Poole, recalled in place of the £750,000 Australian international goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac, who was dropped after a disastrous performance against Bolton in the Coca-Cola Cup. Poole, 31, has signed an extended contract in spite of bcing told that Kalac was hired to replace him. "I was disappointed but I just vowed I would get back in the team," he said. "The chance has come sooner than I expected." Gook Roberts (15) 1-0.

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### Scottish football DAVID MCKINNEY

lished giant-killers of Kidder- Paul Gascoigne became embroiled in controversy during Saturday's 1-1 draw between Rangers and Aberdeen when Aberdeen's £1m midfielder Paul Bernard required five stitches in his face following a clash with the English mid-

fielder's elbow. Gascoigne, who is one point short of an automatic suspension, escaped punishment from

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manager said: "I don't want to say anything other than Paul has five stitches. You all saw the in-

cident." That and several other incidents were replayed on television and it did seem that Gascoigne escaped because of the lemency of the referee.

Rangers, meanwhile, are set to sign Derek McInnes from Morton. The clubs have agreed a fee of £300,000 for the midfielder, who will discuss personal

the referee, John Rowbotham. terms today. While his side Craig Brown's Scotland squad Roy Aitken, the Aberdeen faced Aberdeen. Walter Smith, which faces San Marino on the Rangers manager, was in Brazil reportedly in an effort to sign a South American striker. Celtic recorded a timely 2-1 win over Partick Thistle to cut

Rangers' lead at the top of the league to four points ahead of next Sunday's Old Firm clash at Ibrox. Pierre van Hooijdonk scored both the goals for Celtic. Stuart McCall, the Rangers midfielder who played on Saturday after recovering from a rib injury, could be doubtful for

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Wednesday in their final European Championship qualifying match. McCall is expected to turn up to be examined by the Scotland doctors. Brown has indicated he will use the game to play one or two young players to give them a chance to prove they can compete for a place in the squad for England next summer. Scot Gemmill could therefore be a key player for Scotland both on Wednesday

# Pass marks for O'Neill's class

PAUL NEWMAN

Norwich City

Crystal Palace

Unpredictability may be one of sport's great attractions, but the weekend brought reassurance that there are at least some certainties. England cricket teams can be relied upon to fall flat on their faces at the start of a tour, no grand prix is complete without at least one driver having something to complain about, and, whatever the circumstances, Norwich City players will always pass the ball.

After their pass-and-move game had failed to save them from relegation at the end of last season. Norwich might have been tempted to change to kick-and-run as they prepared for the hurly-burly of the First Division. Instead they appointed Martin O'Neill as manager.

O'Neill's philosophy is in the best traditions of Carrow Road and his arrival has ensured continuity of both style and personnel. Of the 14 players on duty on Saturday, only Robert Fleck was not at the club last

porters would see that as evidence of a lack of ambition and there were demonstrations on Saturday against the chairman, Robert Chase, who has hinted that the club must cut its wage bill. O'Neill has found his way round the lack of funds by recruiting a striker in an exchange deal: Mike Sheron is bound for Stoke City in a straight swap for Keith Scott, a.striker who played under O'Neill at

Wycombe. The demonstrations were probably muted by Norwich's encouraging performance. Jon Newsome and Spencer Prior rarely looked in trouble at the centre of the defence, the ball moved sweetly around the midfield even after the departures of the injured Ian Crook and Andy Johnson, and Ashley Ward and Fleck were a handful in attack.

The winning margin should have been greater, but what Norwich lacked was a real cutting edge around the penalty area. The outcome might have been different had they not lost Johnson on the stroke of half-time. The young midfielder always looked a threat and

More cynical Norwich sup- won the match with his seventh goal of the season, taking advantage of slack Palace marking at a corner.

O'Neill was more than satisfied with his team. "Given the circumstances I'd say that was our best performance of the season," he said. "The spirit out there was just tremendous, and although we only won 1-0, the score could have been any-

What a contrast with Crystal Palace, whose post-relegation turmoil continues. They were woefully short of attacking ideas, with Gareth Taylor, their £1.6m signing from Bristol Rovers, looking increasingly ill at ease. Andy Roberts, a £2.3m purchase from Millwall, was their most accomplished player, but Palace must wonder how much longer they can afford to play a midfielder of his ability in the centre of a fiveman defence.

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The new waifs











Over and out: Paul Adams, the 18-year-old South African A left-arm wrist spinner whose action has been likened to 'a frog in a blender', shows the style that defeated England in Kimberley yesterday. Adams, who is 5ft Six, hours a mixture of googlies and chinamen. As he delivers the ball, he points his head first at the sky and then at the wicket. His unorthodox action certainly bewildered England, who lost by six wickets Photographs: Graham Chiadwick/Missien

# Familiar script as England fall apart

**Cricket** 

MARTIN JOHNSON reports from Kimberley South Africa A 470-9 dec and 148 England 308 and 309 South Africa A win by six wickets

It is now a firmly established winter tour tradition for England to con the opposition into thinking that they are bound to be made of stemer stuff when the serious business hegins. It is only when the op-position wins the first Test by a landslide that they realise they've been had.

Say what you like about England, but overestimate them at your peril. Last winter, they

threatened to be totally useless in Australia, and duly were. Ditto the West Indies in 1993, ditto India in 1992. The script rarely varies, even if the personnel does, and listening to Raymond Illingworth yesterday ("nowhere near good enough... more dedication and concentration required...") brought back not so distant echoes of brassed-off generals

of yesteryear. Bwooming eck, Keith Fletcher was prone to sigh. You can talk to them till you're blue in the face, but you can't go out there and do it for them. They know what's weqwired, and I'm sure we'll be alwight on the night." Fletcher rarely looked as though he was sure of any such thing, and deep

down, neither is Illingworth. The chairman's lobster-like countenance after his team's six-wicket defeat by South Africa A was not entirely down to the weather. Not far from here is an iron-ore town by the name of Hotazel, and the temperature gauge at Kimberley has invariably been well into three figures.

This could not be said of any of England's top six batsmen, which, on a bowlers' graveyard of a pitch, was not a statistic designed to cool the chairman down. Q: "What did you think of the batting?" A: "Not a lot". Q: "Why?" A: "They all kept getting out." Q: "And the bowling." A:"I'm not over carried away with that either.'

Another constant about Eng-

gets over-cerebral in his postmortems, although he himself is looking for a bit more between his players ears by the time the Test series gets under way on Thursday. "It's more of a mental thing than anything else" he said. "It's been bloody hot here, and maybe the sun has gone to their heads. But, on that pitch, someone should have made a major score."

Illingworth was not asked about the fielding, which would doubtless have prompted the same temperate language and kindly forbearance he has shown to the hotel refurbishment team for waking him up at 6am every morning. England put down five catches in the first innings, and had Graham Thor-

land is that the chairman rarely pe and Mark Ramprakash not truly hopeless. No 11's all vincing theory if there was any spilled two more yesterday. South Africa A might have struggled to make the 148 they

needed to win from 43 overs. This would have been considerably less had it not been for the valiant batting contributions of Jack Russell (93 not out and 40 in a combined total of five hours at the crease) and, somewhat more improbably. Devon Malcolm. "He's a great pro is Jack." Illingworth said afterwards, a phrase he has not been in danger of using in close proximity to Malcolm's name

thus far on tour. It is, understandably, Malcolm's bowling which concerns Illingworth, and Malcolm's batting which is now beginning to concern connoisseurs of the around the world.

Yesterday, as Malcolm joined Angus Fraser, England were only 89 runs ahead, and the not unreasonable assumption was that South Africa A's victory target would not be substantially greater than 90. However, those spectators quietly griddling sausages on their braits suddenly began diving for cover as Mal-colm's aerial bombardment produced six sixes and two fours in a mind-boggling 48 not out.

Not so long ago, the middle of Malcolm's bat was rarely blemished by anything resembling a red smudge, and it is hard to know why he now middles as much as he misses. The switch from glasses to contact

evidence that Malcolm kept

his eyes open in mid-swing.
England would have been embarrassed enough here at being asked to follow on, although it at least made certain that Robin Smith had two innings in which to find his form before the Test match. Smith did not, like most of England's other batsman, play the left-arm wrist spinner Paul Adams (9 for 181) with any great conviction, but scores of 48 and 28 will probably be just enough to keep him in the side ahead of John Crawley.

England, however, also did just enough to suggest that if this series equated to a 9 to 5 office job, the alarm clock once again appears to be set for lunchtime.



Hill conducts the crowd in singing the national anthem

# Hill finds it easy to steer clear of trouble

Damon Hill ended the 1995 Formula One motor racing season in style yesterday when he won a chaotic Australian Grand Prix in commanding fashion.

Hill guided his Williams-Renault through the debris of countless retirements and crashes to finish more than two laps clear of Olivier Panis in a Ligier. The victory was Hill's 13th and came on a day when all his major rivals, including the world champion Michael Schumacher, were forced to retire.

Only eight of the 23 starters finished the race, but that did not bother Hill as he got the re-

fidence after a fraught month. Gianni Morbidelli, in a Footwork, had the best result of his career by taking third place, ahead of Mark Blundell, in the sole McLaren after the accident on Friday which put his teammate Mika Hakkinen in hospi-

tal with severe concussion. Mika Salo finished fifth in a Tyrrell and Pedro Lamy was sixth for Minardi, both three laps behind on Hill as the massive crowd invaded the circuit. The attendance of 205,000 for the 17th and final race of the season and the 11th and final Australian Grand Prix to be held in Adelaide was an all-time Formula One one-day record.

who had been heavily criticised for failing to maintain his championship challenge to Schu-macher. He said: This is a very satisfying and special victory for me and for the team. We have had a long season and this gives us cause for celebration.

had begun to wonder when it to have - and what a race to win. would come. But everything went my way today. It is a tough circuit and a tough race and this is a funny old game, isn't it?

"It was just amazing. For a country that is so famous for its flies, they were all falling away like flies in this race. I had a massive gap. I was just wondering what would happen next we have made this year.

and waiting for something to happen to me. As a guy in Perth taught me to say last week, it was 'too easy, mate'. It was a strange race, but I will take it."

"We had been hoping for a result like this over the last couple of races, but it did not happen so this was a great boost "It is my 13th victory and I for the team. It is a great trophy I can sit on it for the winter now. Panis was equally delighted

with his finish after nursing home his car, which had a nearblown engine, over the closing lars as it dropped oil around the track. "I am very satisfied for myself and the team." Panis said. "It proves what progress regain fourth place on the open-

Coulthard led until lap 20 when, on the approach to his pit-stop, he slid off the track and

crashed into the pit-lane wall. Schumacher and Jean Alesi collided on lap 22. Schumacher appeared to have passed Alesi cleanly, but the Ferrari driver retaliated and cut into him, damaging his rear wheel and suspension. Schumacher felt he had a good chance of winning the race at that stage and

The retirements and accidents

also claimed Schumacher's teammate. Johnny Herbert, who was second behind Hill when he retired with a gearbox problem. Both Jordans also re

list of parked cars - Eddie Irvine retiring with engine prob-lems after running third and Rubens Barrichello sliding off in the early stages. Heinz-Harald Frentzen, who had also been second at one stage, also pulled up

with gearbox problems.

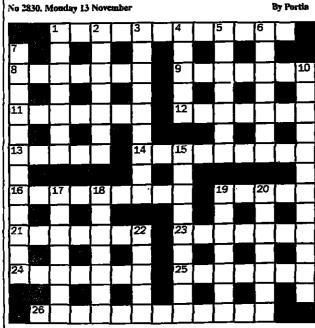
The race had started surprisingly with David Couldhard beating Hill, on pole position, to the chicane. Schumacher, starting third, was left behind both Ferraris but fought back to forget it and have a party.

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**Backing for Venables** 

GLENN MOORE

An influential voice made itself heard above the whispers surrounding Terry Venables' control of the England team

yesterday. Noel White, the chairman of the Football Association's in-ternational committee, came down firmly in support of Ven-ables' continued tenure as national coach.

"Our first priority has always been to give England the best possible chance of winning next year's Euro '96 Championship finals," he said. "In January 1994 Terry Venables was our choice as the man to lead our effort. He remains that choice today. "Those who seek to under-

mine him should be in no doubt of what they are in danger of doing. And that is to undermine the prospects of our national team. The time has surely come for Terry Venables to be allowed to get on with the job he is per-forming on behalf of us all."

pool, was speaking after an un- January 1994 Terry was seen as named member of the committee was quoted at the weekend saying that the constant speculation surrounding Venables' business affairs was

'worrying" the committee, That suggestion was followed by Venables' revelation that he had asked Scotland Yard to investigate an alleged conspiracy to pervert the course of justice against him. Venables believes the timing of the various allegations - usually around England matches - underlines his belief that there is a "concerted and organised campaign" to discredit him. The latest allegations came

in a court case last week. "Anybody with half a brain knows what is going on." Ven-ables said afterwards. "There is a lot I want to say, but my advice is I am not allowed to at this point. My time will come. I am looking to going into the witness box and speaking under privi-

Venables' comments were followed by support from the FA, whose director of public af-

White, a director of Liver- fairs. David Davies, said: "In unquestionably the best person to coach England to success next summer. Despite all attempts to undermine him by unproven. sometimes wild, sometimes anonymous allegations, that re-

mains the FA's view." It is true that despite the court cases and media and internal football investigations. Venables has not been found guilty of anything. However, he is still involved in litigation and the Premier League inquiry has yet to report on the Teddy Sheringham and Paul Gascoigne transfers.

The FA is right, as White said, to want to give England the best possible chance of winning the European Championship. The small chance of that happening would almost certainly evaporate should Venables be forced from office.

However, the FA's first priority should be the promotion of the good name of the game itself. It is to be hoped that aim does not come into conflict with its ambitions for next summer.

# Collymore threatens to quit

Britain's costliest footballer Stan Collymore has threatened to leave the game, saying his £8.5m summer move to Liver-

pool has proved a nightmare. Collymore, who left Nottingham Forest for a British record transfer fee in the sum-mer, has made little impact at Anfield where he cannot hold down a regular first team place. He has admitted finding it difficult adjusting to Liverpool's passing style, and is quoted in an interview in Four-Four-Two magazine as saying he is prepared to leave the game. "If I felt now that I'd be stuck

at Liverpool for the next two

years and just be average, and just go through the motions, I would give up football tomorrow without a doubt," he says. Collymore criticises Liver-

pool's manager, Roy Evans. for not discussing, during con-tract talks, the role he planned for the player. "I don't know of any other industry that would lay out £8.5m on anything and then not have some plan from day one on how they're going to use it," he adds. Collymore does not make any

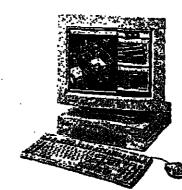
secret in the interview of his disappointment at the way his move to Liverpool has gone. "My ideas on hig clubs have

changed. You think you're going to something superior in every way." he says. "So many clubs - I've got to be careful here - are a shambles. You go there thinking they're going to be centres of excellence and they are far from it. I thought the training would be as good. if not better, than at Forest."

Juninho, back from helping Brazil to beat Argentina 1-0, lit up a niggling match against Sampdoria to mark the official open-ing of Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium. He set up Bryan Robson with the day's best chance, but his manager missed and the game ended goalless.



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